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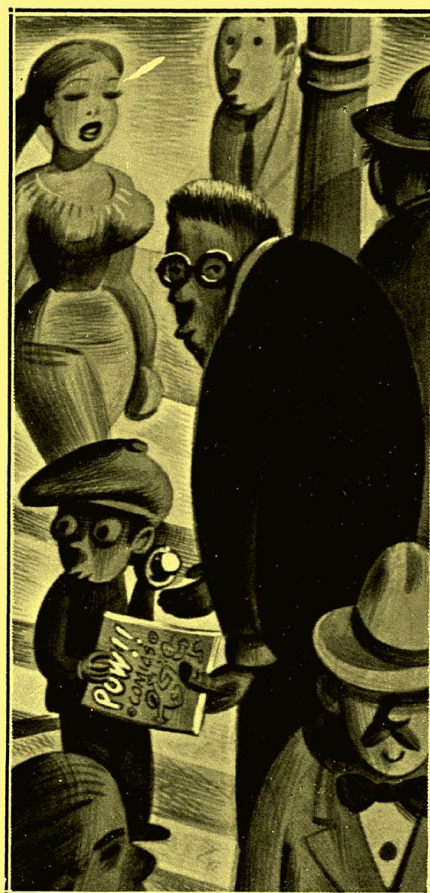
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## Humor In A Jugular Vein

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(MAD fotos by H. Kurtzman)



### Comic-Book Raid

As a result of charges that certain comic-books are contributing to crime, these comic-book artists [↑] were rounded up today at their hideout where they had stored a sizeable cache of brushes, drawing paper and ink. From right to left, they are a "crime" cartoonist, a "science-fiction" cartoonist, and a "lampoon" cartoonist.

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### Comics Go Underground

In this remarkable photo, [→] we see a comic-book publisher whose books have been banned from the newsstands, secretly peddling his comics on a busy street corner. It is rumored that this is only one of the tricks that desperate comic-book publishers are resorting to in order to sell their books... another far-fetched rumor being that they are disguising their books to look like newspapers in order to sneak them onto the stands. However, this rumor is plainly ridiculous.

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# PROOF... OF 8 BRANDS TESTED, **PANIC** IS BEST IMITATION OF **MAD**

YES, EXTENSIVE TESTS BY  
THE E.C. RESEARCH BUREAU  
HAVE PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY  
THAT **PANIC** LEADS EIGHT OTHER  
BRANDS IN IMITATING **MAD**!  
**PANIC** USES MORE OF **MAD'S**  
ARTISTS, MORE OF **MAD'S** PRINTERS,  
MORE OF **MAD'S** POTRZEBIE AND  
FURSHLUUGINER THAN ANY  
OTHER **MAD** IMITATION!

BEST IMITATION

FAIR IMITATION

POOR IMITATION

ECCCCCHHHHH

PANIC

BRAND A

BRAND B

BRAND C

BRAND D

BRAND E

BRAND F

BRAND G

SO CLIP THIS COUPON AND SEND AWAY  
FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO ...

HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT THE REAL  
MCCOY, SUBSCRIBE TO...

**PANIC**

☐

**MAD**

☐

SUBSCRIPTION DEPT.  
ROOM 706  
225 LAFAYETTE ST.  
NEW YORK 12, N.Y.

PLEASE SEND ME ONE OR  
BOTH MAGAZINES CHECKED  
ABOVE FOR WHICH I ENCLOSE  
\$1.00 PER TITLE (8 ISSUES)

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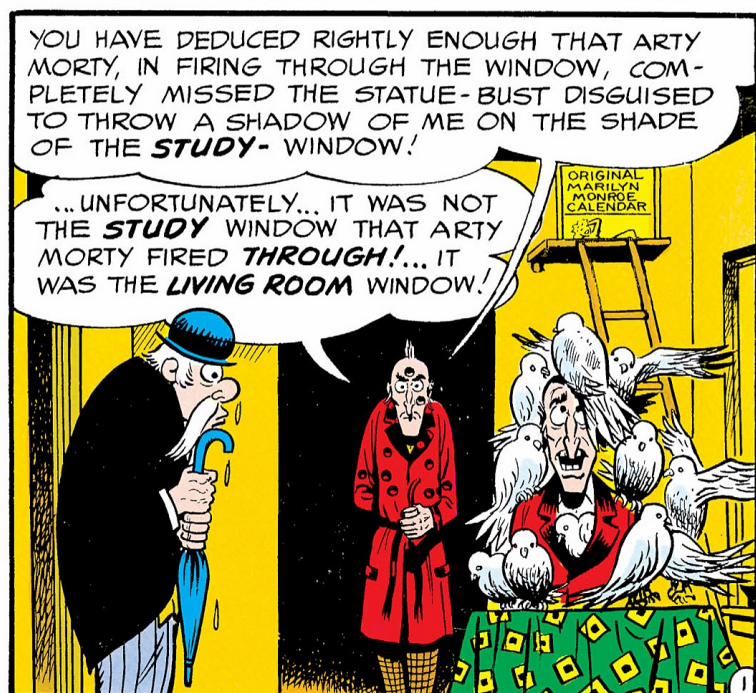
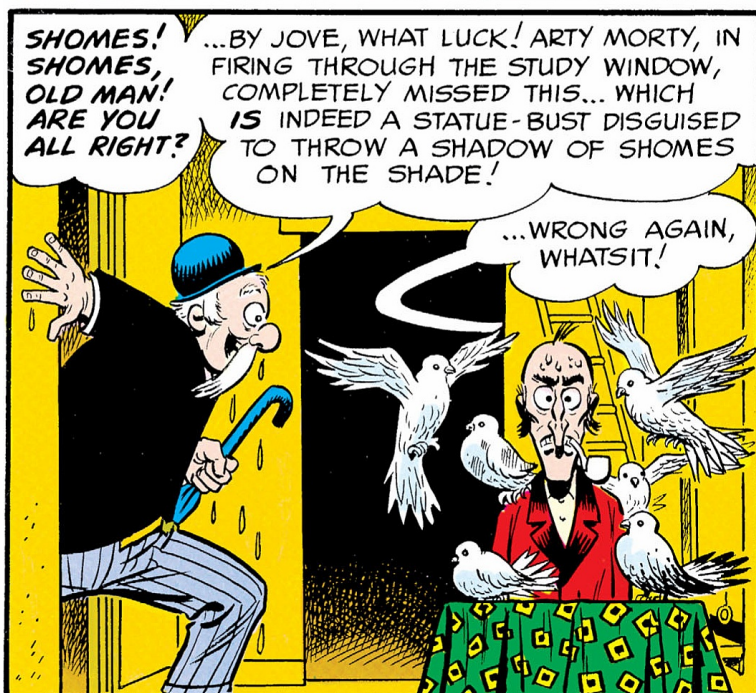
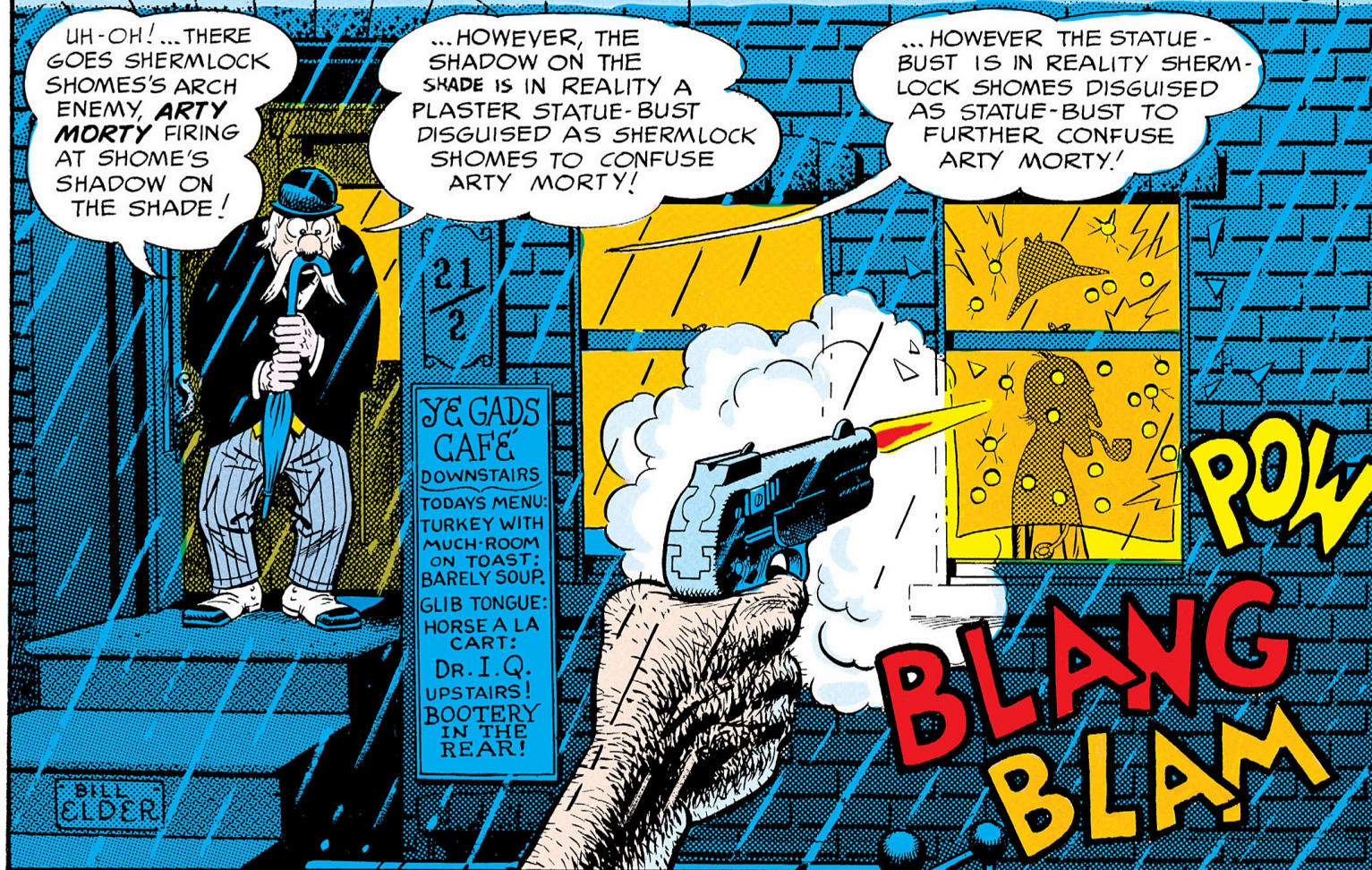
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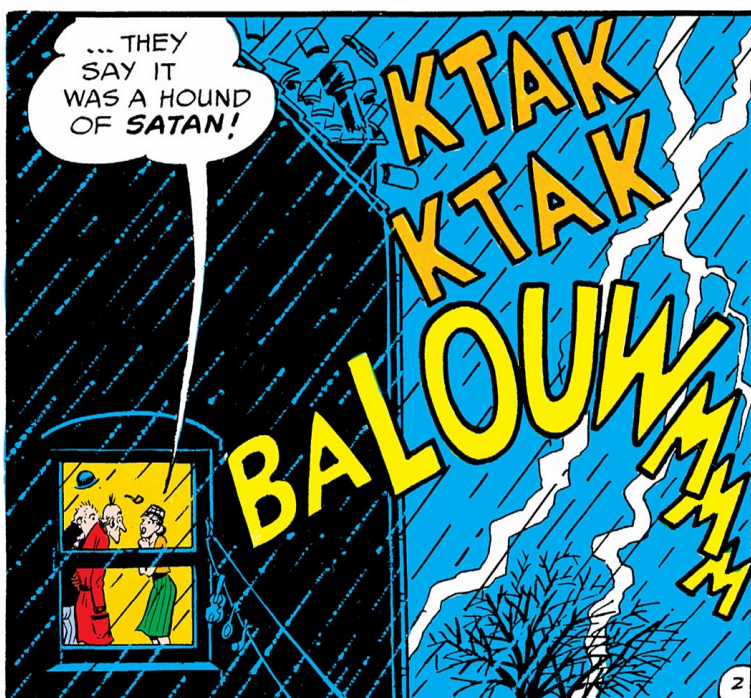
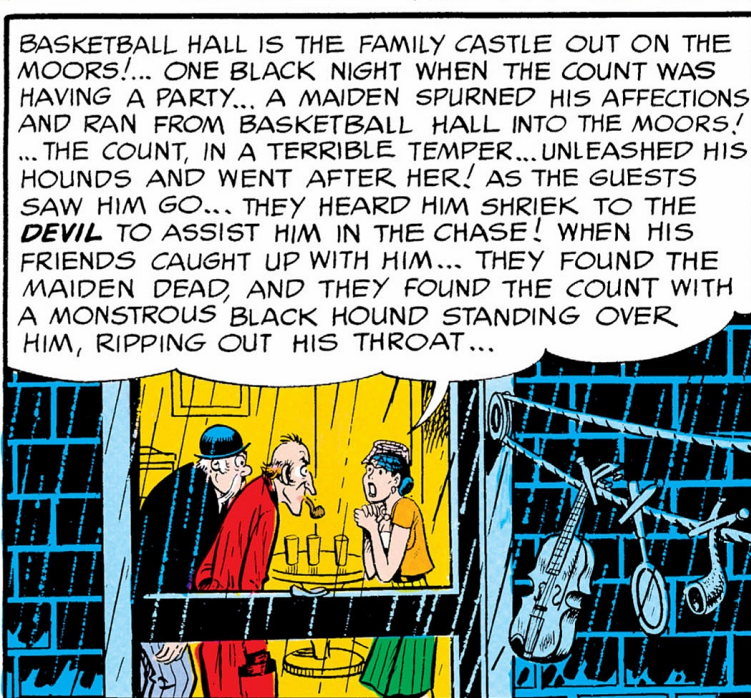
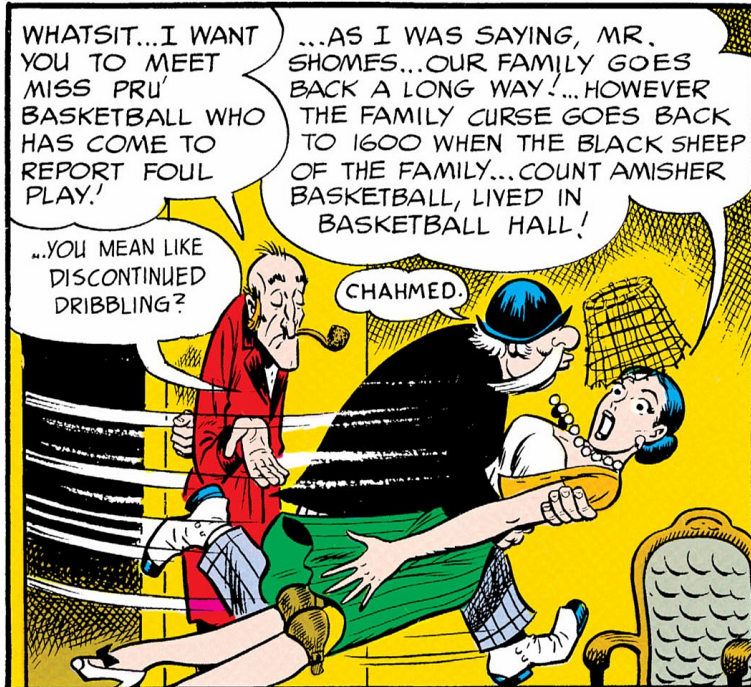
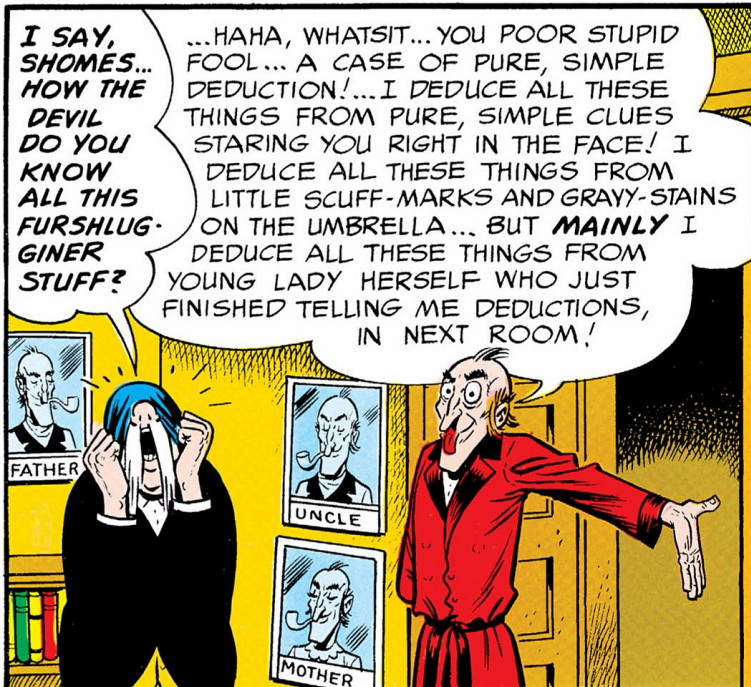
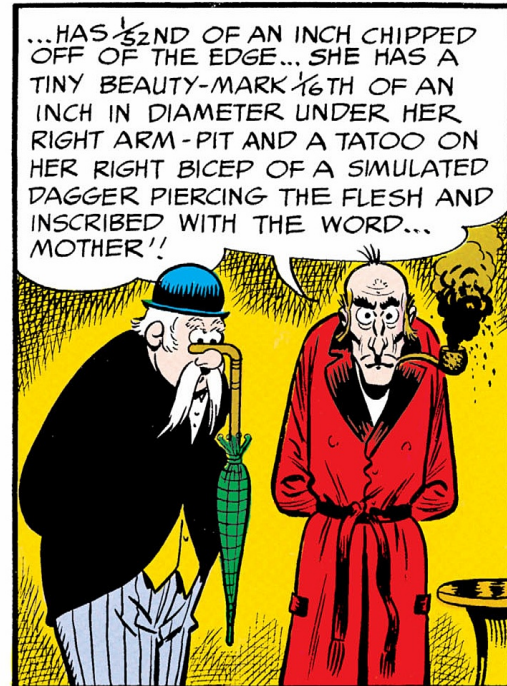
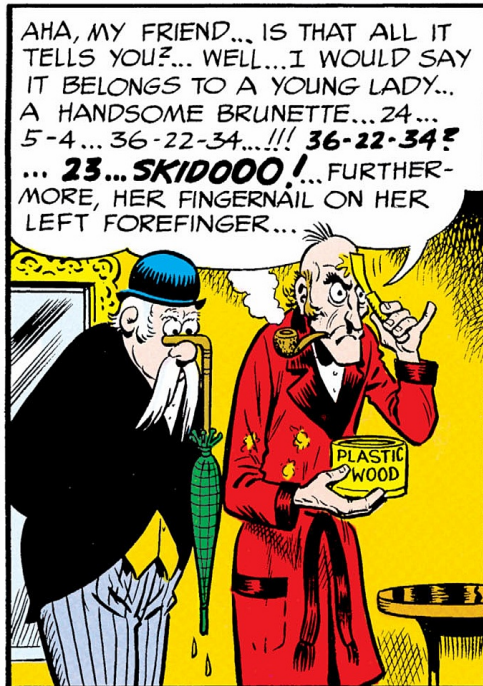
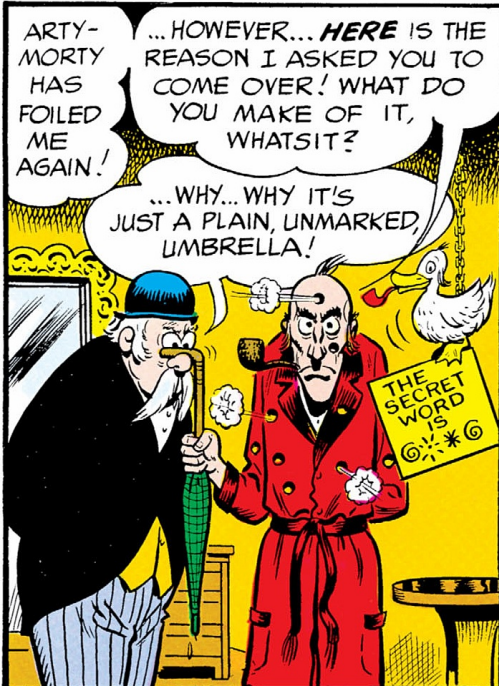


CRIME DEPT.: HELLO!... JUST GET BACK FROM YOUR PSYCHIATRIST?... WELL... YOU KEEP READING THESE COMIC BOOKS AND YOU'LL BE VISITING HIM AGAIN REAL SOON! ... ANYHOW... THE FAMILIAR ENTRANCE TO TODAY'S ADVENTURE IS 21/2 BAKER STREET WHERE WE FIND AN OLD FRIEND, DR. WHATSIT, WHO IS ABOUT TO STAR WITH...

# SHERMLOCK SHOMES *in* THE HOUND OF THE BASKETBALLS!





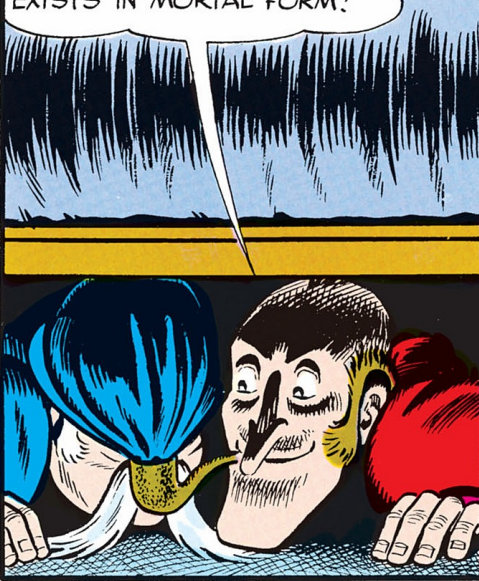




HAHAHA! STEADY, WHATSIT!...SURELY, THIS STORY OF VISITORS FROM THE NETHER WORLD IS NOT TAKEN BY YOU SERIOUSLY!

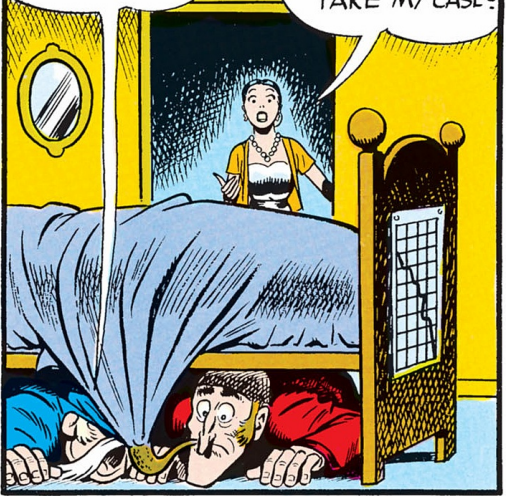


...SURELY YOU ARE NOT PRONE TO BELIEVE THAT THE OLD BOY FROM DOWN BELOW REALLY EXISTS IN MORTAL FORM!



I SAY, SHOMES... YOU NEEDN'T ACT SO SMUG!... AFTER ALL... YOU'RE HERE UNDER THE BED TOO!

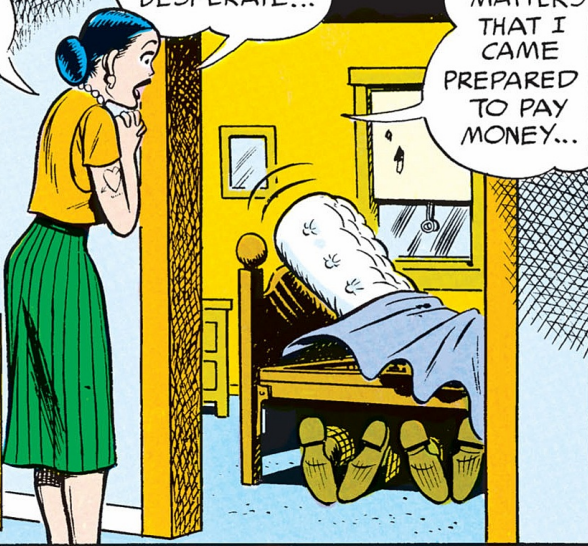
GENTLEMEN! GENTLEMEN! DOES YOUR REACTION MEAN YOU WILL NOT TAKE MY CASE?



I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MATTERS THAT I HAVE NO ONE ELSE TO TURN TO...

...I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MATTERS THAT I'M DESPERATE...

...I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MATTERS THAT I CAME PREPARED TO PAY MONEY...



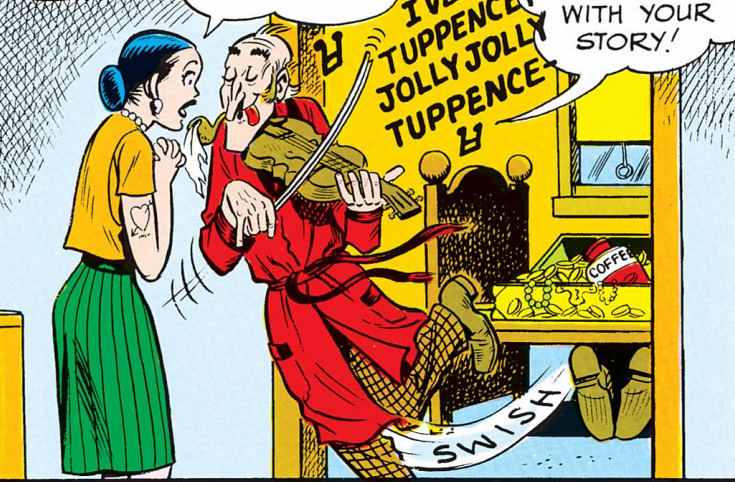
MY USUAL FEE?...TEN POUND TWO QUID THRUPPENY HA'PENCE?

TEN POUND HA'PENNY THRUPPENCE TUPPENCE THRUPPENCE!

THROW IN ANOTHER PAIR OF PENCE AND IT'S A DEAL!

I'VE GOT TUPPENCE, JOLLY JOLLY TUPPENCE!

NOW PLEASE, MISS... ON WITH YOUR STORY!



...WELL... EVER SINCE COUNT AMISHER BASKETBALL'S DEMISE, LIVING AT BASKETBALL HALL HASN'T BEEN CRICKET! IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE FAMILY HAS BEEN CURSED BY A LONG SERIES OF SAD MISFORTUNES AND UNTIMELY DEATHS...



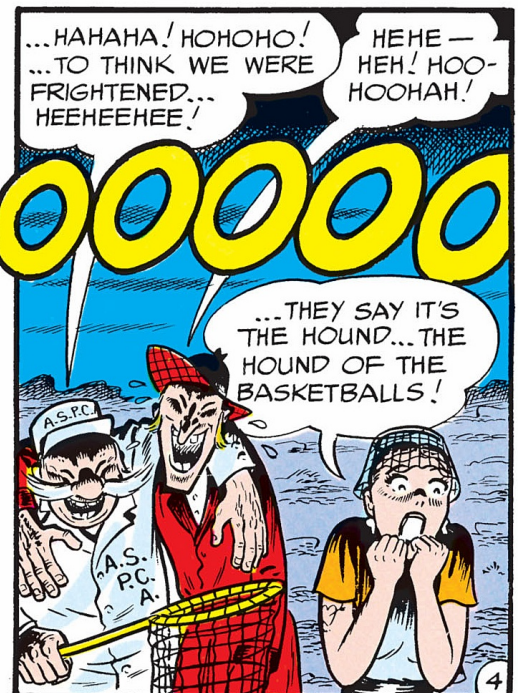
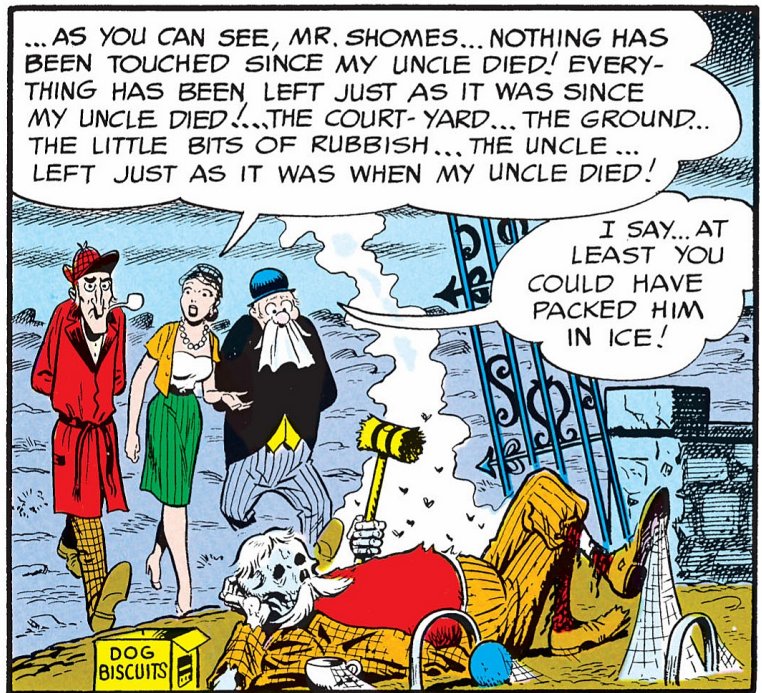
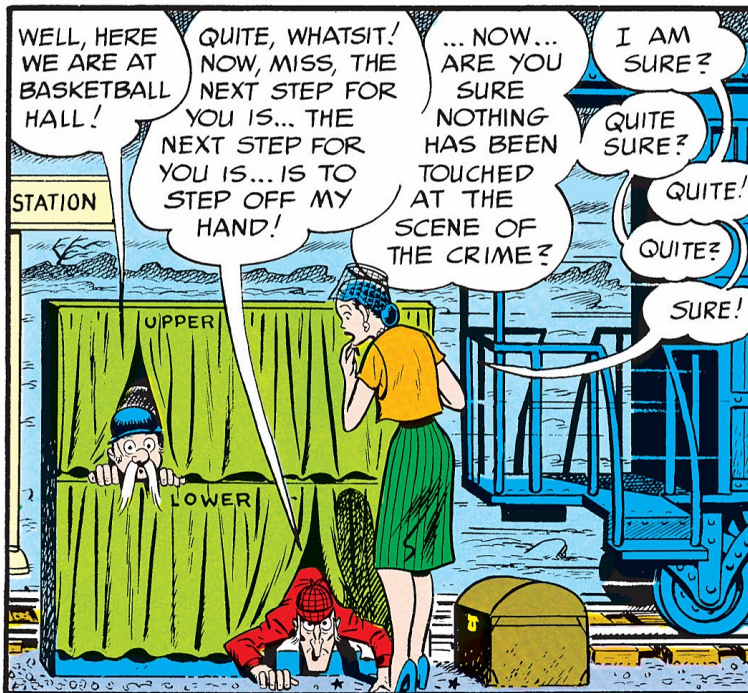
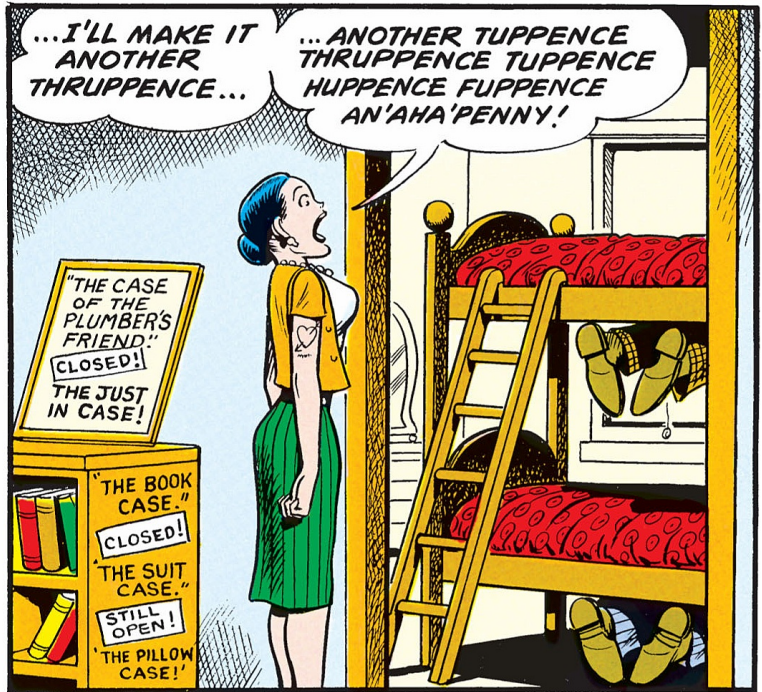
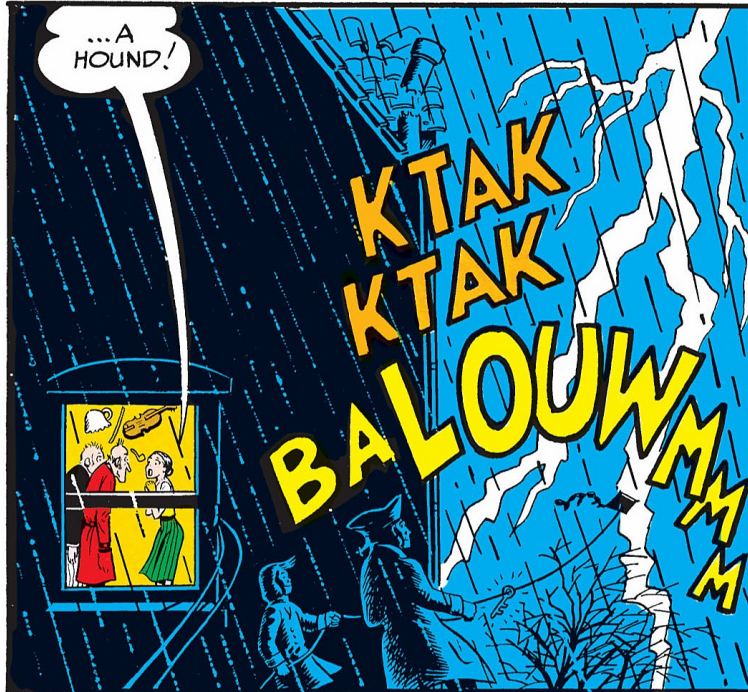
...UP TO THE LAST DESCENDANT OF THE BASKETBALLS... MY UNCLE, COOLIDGE BASKETBALL, WHO ONLY THIS PAST YEAR, DIED AT BASKETBALL HALL UNDER THE MOST UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COURT-YARD OF BASKETBALL HALL!



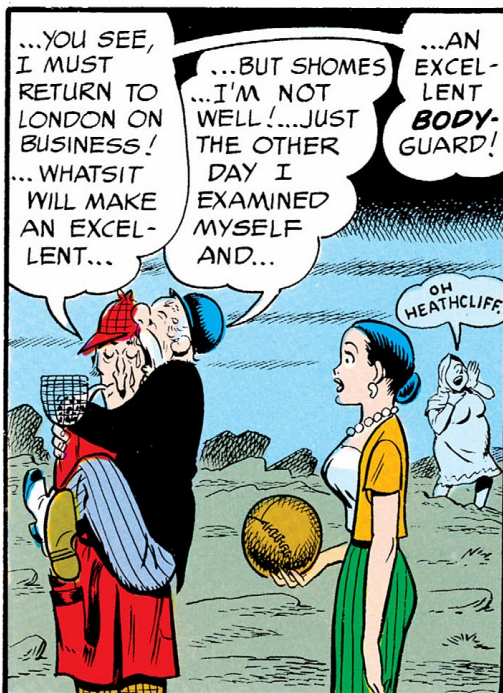
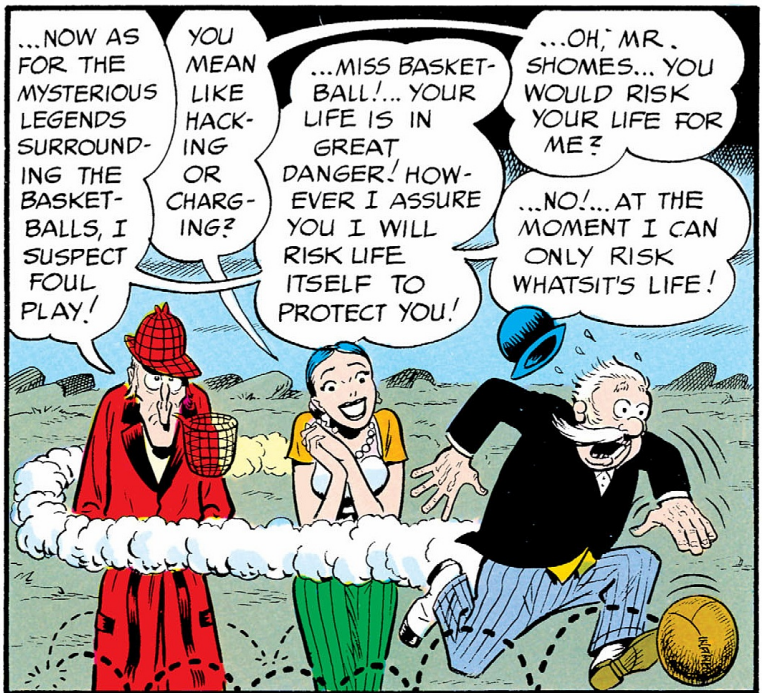
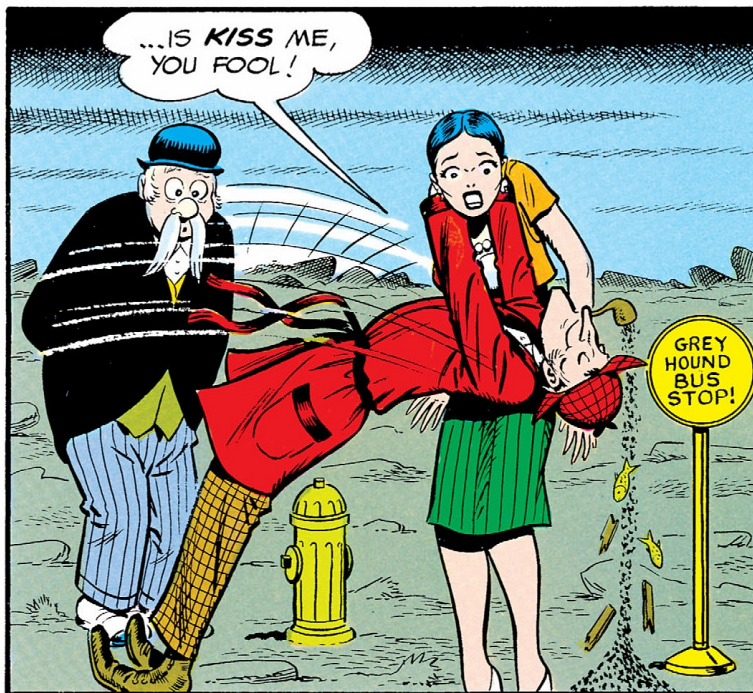
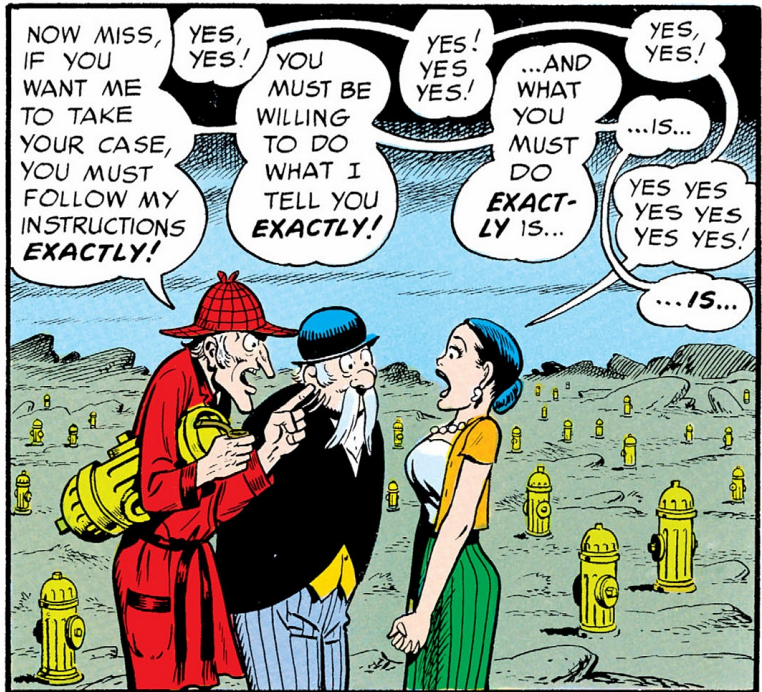
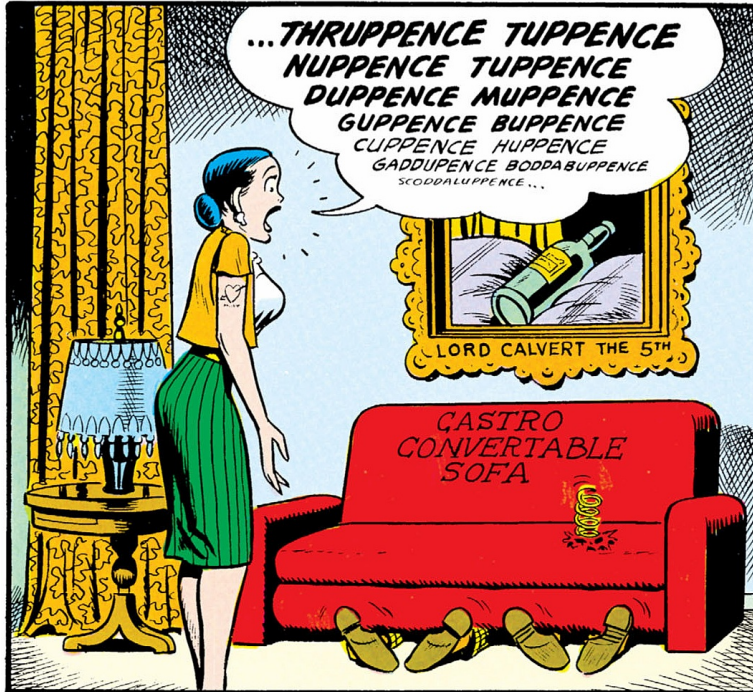
...YES...THEY FOUND HIM BY THE BASKETBALL COURT, LYING WHERE HE HAD FALLEN... APPARENTLY FROM A STOPPAGE OF THE HEART!... IT SEEMS HE HAD BEEN RUNNING FROM SOMETHING...AND WHEN WE FOUND HIS BODY... HIS FACE WAS FROZEN IN THE MOST TERRIFYING EXPRESSION OF HORROR I HAVE EVER SEEN!... NEAR HIM WAS FOUND FOOTSTEPS! ... FOOTSTEPS OF...







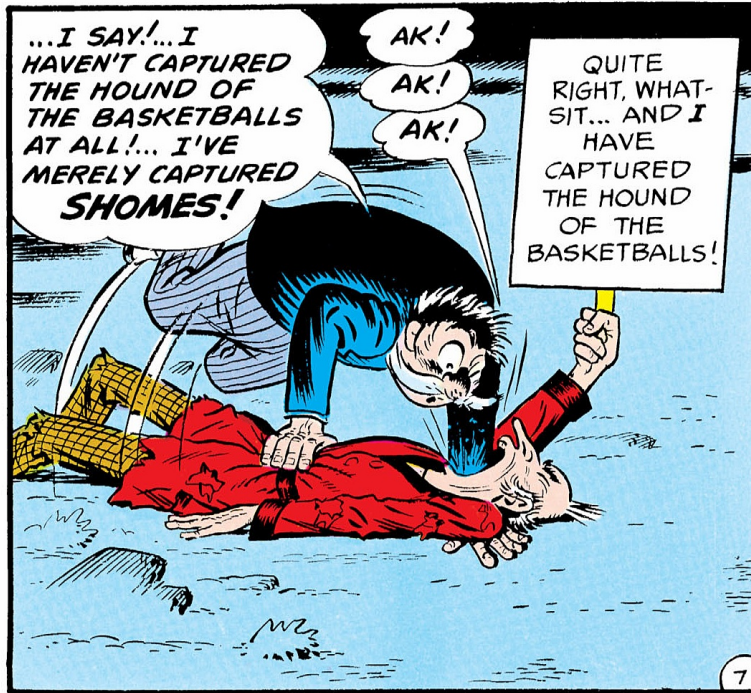
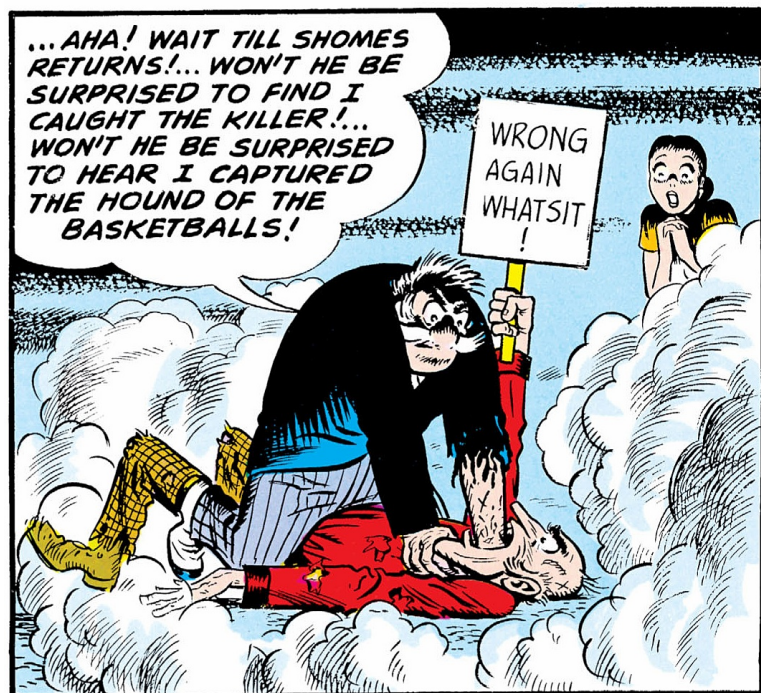
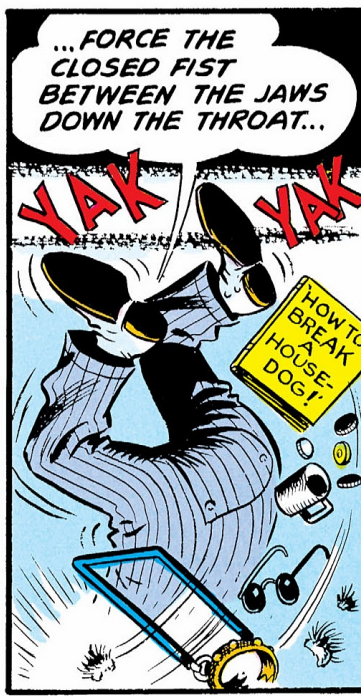
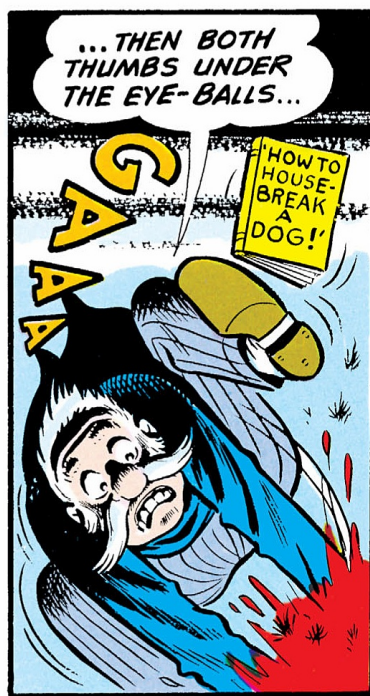
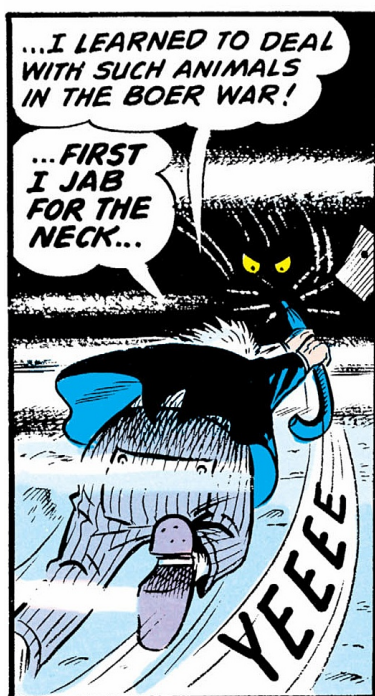
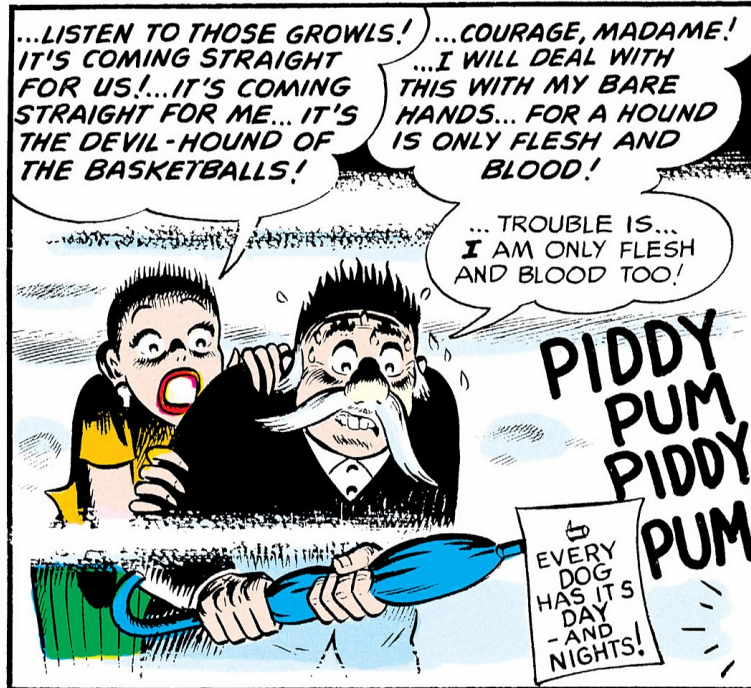
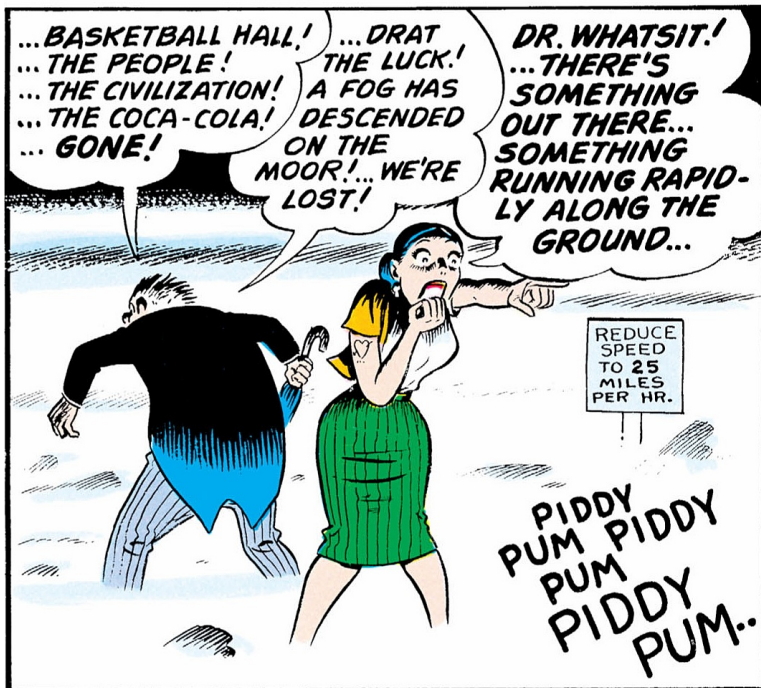




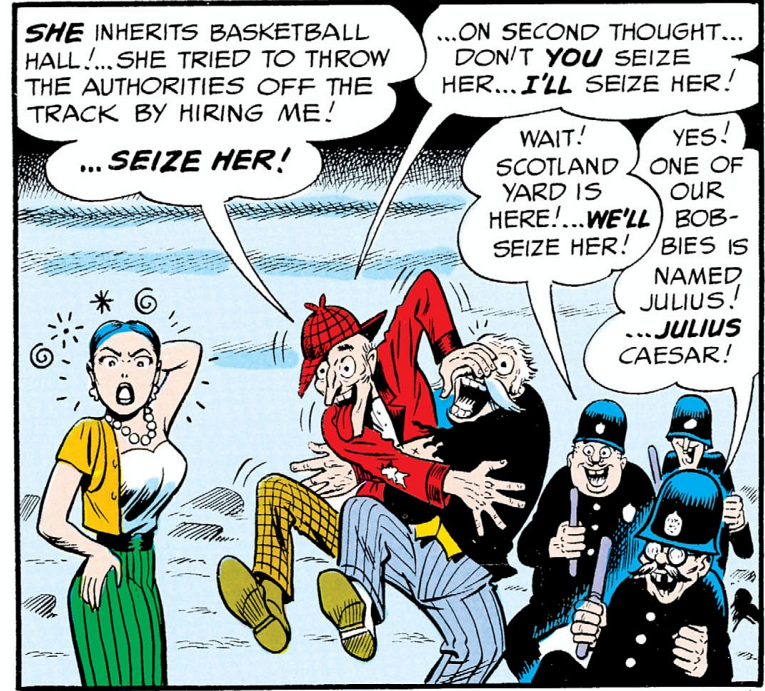
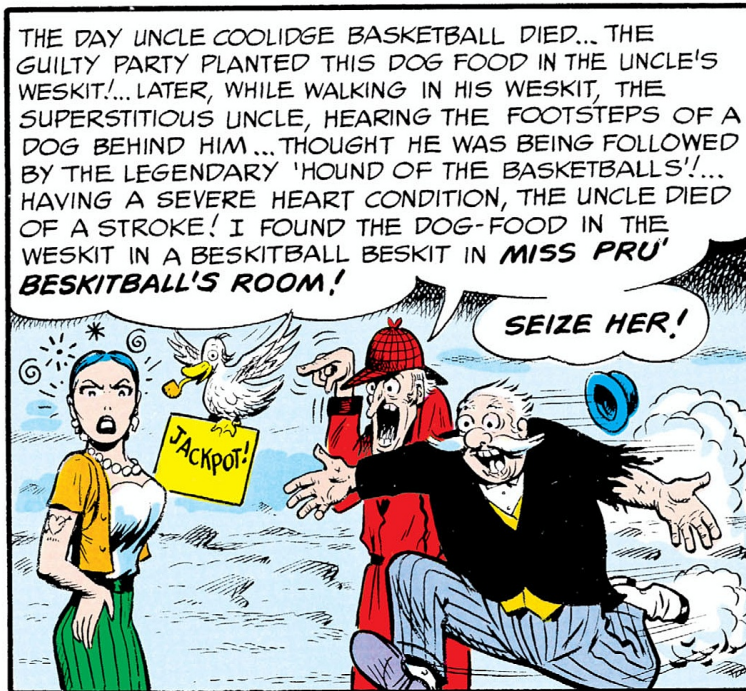
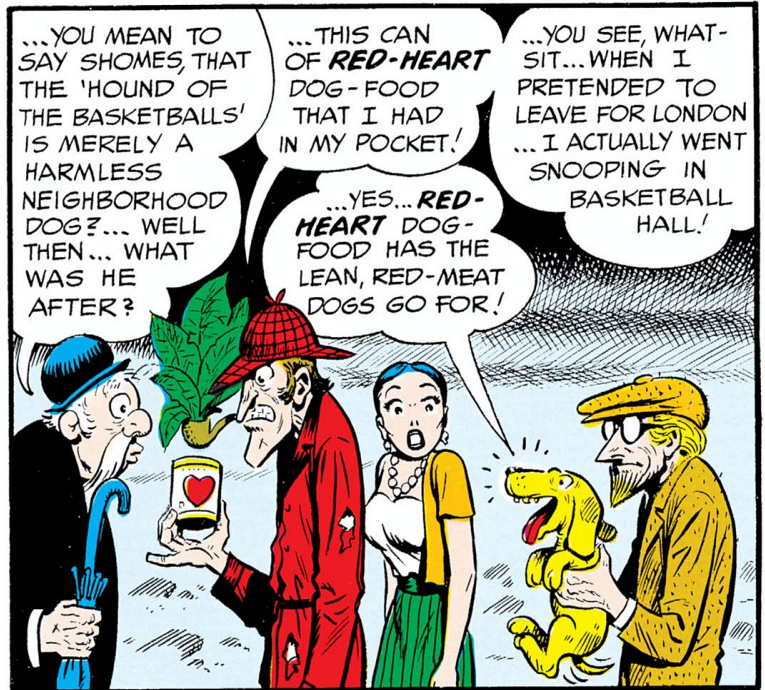
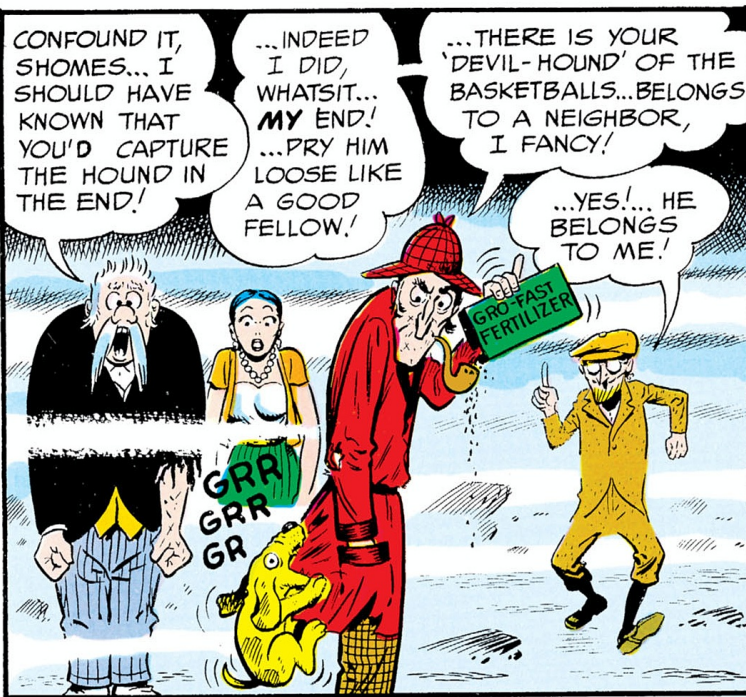












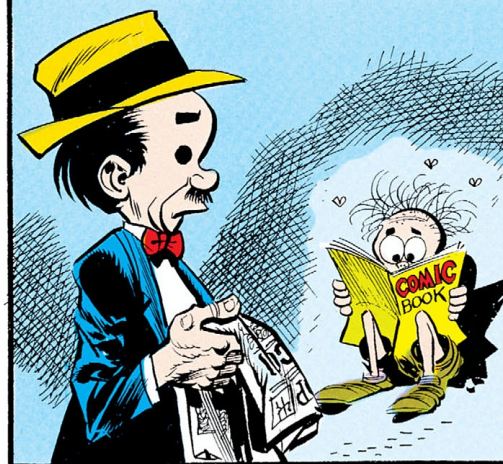


THE PRESS DEPT.: ...YOUTH! EVEN AS WE SPEAK, GROWN-UPS OF AMERICA BATTLE TIRELESSLY TO DESTROY EVIL READING MATTER THAT IS CORRUPTING YOUTH!... HOWEVER, BEHIND THEIR BACKS LOOMED UNCHALLENGED, EVIL READING MATTER THAT IS CORRUPTING GROWN-UPS!... YOUTH!... SAVE OUR GROWN-UPS!... SAVE THEM FROM THE BAD INFLUENCES OF...

# NEWSPAPERS! \*



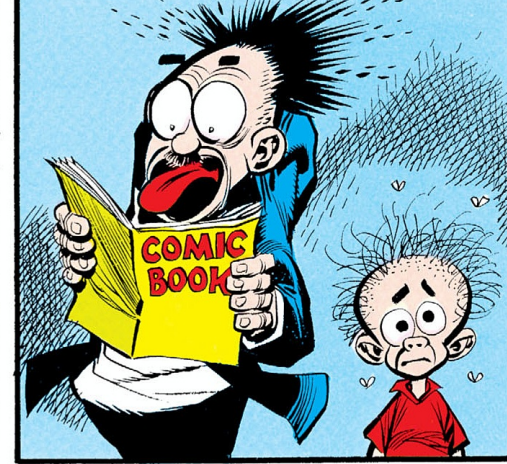
...LIKE FOR INSTANCE, A GROWN-UP COMING FROM THE NEWSSTAND, SEES SAID YOUTH WITH READING MATTER!



...BATTLING TIRELESSLY TO DESTROY EVIL READING MATTER CORRUPTING YOUTH, GROWN-UP INSPECTS SAID MATTER!



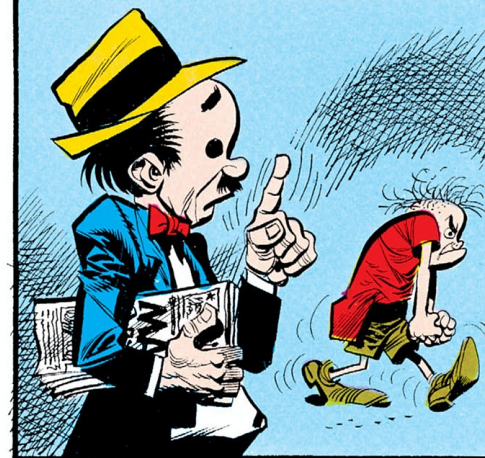
...SAID MATTER IS COMIC BOOK OF EVIL TYPE WHICH IS MOSTLY FULL OF VIOLENCE, MURDER, GIRLS, AND LIKE THAT!



SO IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUTH UNCORRUPTED...GROWN-UP DESTROYS EVIL READING MATTER!... BUT MAINLY...



...WHILE GROWN-UP DESTROYS YOUTH'S READING MATTER...NO ONE DESTROYS GROWN-UP'S READING MATTER!



SO WHEN GROWN-UPS GO TO READ, MY GOSH... DID YOU EVER SEE WHAT THEY READ?... LIKE FOR INSTANCE...



\* P.S. — HEWING TO THE USUAL WRETCHED *MAD* PRACTICE, WE SHALL CONCERN OURSELVES MERELY WITH THE *WORST* ASPECTS OF NEWSPAPERS AND TOTALLY IGNORE THE BEST!



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DAILY POOP

PICTURE NEWSPAPER...PLENTY PICTURES

4¢  
A POUND

Someday, October, 1954★

4¢ IN CITY  
LIMITS

5¢ OUTSIDE  
COUNTRY LIMITS

6¢ OUTSIDE  
EARTH LIMITS

...like for instance page 1!  
With all kinds important  
things going on in politics  
here's what they put on page 1!

# MAN CARVES UP HIS GIRL FRIEND

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## Son of Skunk Farmer Weds Heiress

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### Big Bloody Riot

Boy! What violence there was on the docks yesterday. Note in Foreground above, [↑] policeman's teeth being smashed in by brass knuckles. Note in background, man, being clubbed on head with lead pipe, pushes thumb under other man's eye. Note plenty other bloody things by looking at photo closely.

### Girl Beaten

Vava Voom shows where she was bruised [→] when burglars broke into her apt. house. Although it was a neighbor's apt. they broke into, Vava was bruised while taking a shower.



(POOP foto by Jack Davis)



# Killer Admits Using Meat Grinder



(POOP foto by Jack Davis)

# Full Details on Most Nauseating Crime Ever

Today, Sturdley Hockblock publicly confessed to the mostest sickeningest crime ever, in this city of Smerdley, and we have all the details down to the last gruesome little details.

## Very Important People Arrive on Boat



(POOP foto by Jack Davis)

The most importantest people ever, arrived on the S.S. Sturdley today. Above is Miss Baba Bam waving hello from rail of ship. Not that Miss Baba Bam had anything to do with arrivals . . . she was just passing by docks at time.

Police Chief Smudley Smedley of Smerdley had this to say:

"Echhh!"

The body was discovered yesterday by 172 witnesses all over the city. This was because the body was in 172 packages all over the city. But you ain't heard nothing yet.

Hockblock was immediately apprehended through the efficiency of a mammoth police dragnet, a diligent manhunt by the organized citizenry, an announcement on "Gangbusters," and mainly, Hockblock gave himself up.

But now we come to main enjoyable part where Hockblock describes in detail how he committed murder like for instance what kind of butcher's cleaver he used, what type blood the victim had, what color blood, with closeups of the blood and like that.

Now all the teeny details the way Hockblock went about the murder was this. First he grabbed his victim and then he

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# Googie Divorces Zazie for Boobie

By Smedley Dirdigger  
DAILY POOP News Bureau

Yesterday, the most earth-shaking event in the history of our times took place when Googie Smidley, after a quick divorce from the Baroness Zazee Ley Smed, got secretly married to Boobie Van Smoodley at a modest little ceremony at the Taj Mahal.

After the wedding, a modest little reception was held at the Hollywood Bowl. The happy couple had this to say when quizzed by this reporter. "This time, Smedley, it's for keeps. This romance is the real thing and this time this is IT and for keeps this time and it's the real thing." This was Boobie's 12th marriage and Googie's 27th.

While Boobie is the wealthy heirress to the Van Smoodley Timber, Steel and Uranium fortune, Googie is the son of an illiterate, filthy, peasant skunk-farmer.

As to their future plans, Googie said that the honeymoon would have to be delayed since there are matters of grave concern and import to attend to . . . matters that cannot wait. Like for instance, the construction of a special polomallet being hand-fashioned for Googie. Boobie, meanwhile, will vacation.

As Googie packed his moneybags and prepared to depart in his platinum jet-plane (by



(POOP foto by J. Davis)  
Googie and Boobie as they said that this was it.

his last marriage), this reporter was told, emphatically, "Smedley, this time it's the real furshlugginer thing."

# Googie With Foofoo While Boobie Vacations

By Dirdley Smedigger

The Bahamas—The most drooly incident ever witnessed by civilization took place this morning when Googie Smidley landed here on his own private platinum landing strip (by his eleventh marriage), for a rendezvous with Foofoo Smedd Lee.

Meanwhile, Boobie said she and Googie could not make a go of married life and she was instituting a divorce. Foofoo Smed Lee, wealthy heirress to Smed Lee Gold and Diamond fortune, announced modest little wedding, only 10,000 close friends to attend. When queried, Googie said, "Dirdley, this time it is positively IT," as he left, in his platinum diesel train.



(POOP foto by Jack Davis)  
Googie and Foofoo tell world that this is it.

# Googie is Mine Says Selma

By D. Irt

Selma Strudley, this evening, confirmed the devastating rumor that she and Googie Smidley will soon be married. Meanwhile, Foofoo Smedd Lee told reporters that her romance with Googie, after a long period of incessant bickering, has gone on the rocks. Foofoo is the wealthy heirress to several large countries all over the world, and as she stood hand in hand with Googie at the entrance to Foofoo's modest little city, Googie informed this reporter that this was it! Outside, on Foofoo's private lake, on the deck of her private flat-top, Googie's platinum jet Constellation was warming up for a business trip.



# War Breaks Out in Far East. Millions Flee for Lives

It was heard today that the beginnings of a war have started in the far east. In the opinion of a leading advisor in this country, this war is so tightly linked to our strategic position in the world that it

will undoubtedly lead this country and the rest of the world into war and it is difficult to foresee how it will be possible to avoid using the atom and hydrogen bombs. A board of experts in an emer-

gency round-table discussion agreed unanimously that this

event in the far-east is definitely the beginning of the end

of civilization.

## CHOKED with GAS?

THANK HEAVENS! It might have been mustard gas. When acid indigestion strikes, take PRUB tablets to get fast acting relief. PRUB spelled backwards is NATURES.

## Do the Nose Drops You Use Match Fluid in Your Nose?

To counteract sniffly cold symptoms in the nose, we have compounded a liquid called Snarffe that matches the natural fluid in the nose. A bottle of this nauseating liquid costs 10c. Fight that sniffle with Snarffe.

## Itchy skin starves for medicated lanolin.

Yes, if your itchy skin starves for medicated lanolin, get Smurdey's Ointment. Smurdey's Ointment is compounded of axle grease and ground glass. Yes, Smurdey's Ointment takes the places of scratching, so get Smurdey's Ointment today.

DAILY POST, WEDAY, OCTOBER, 1954

## False T

...after that comes pages like this with teenchy-weenchy pieces of news stuck in edges!

## NEW MEDICAL DISCOVERY! TURNS PIMPLES INSIDE-OUT!

Skin Specialist, Smurdey B. Lemish reports that new medical discovery works wonders on the skin. Do people stare at you and go, "Ugh!"? Do people avoid you at parties? Well, according to a leading skin specialist's report, B. LEMISH'S SKIN CREAM is the thing for you. You see, B. LEMISH'S penetrating action actually sinks right into the skin and turn pimples inside-out. Just think, after ONE application of B. LEMISH'S SKIN CREAM, instead of bumps on your face, you have indentations. Think how quickly you will become the LIFE of the parties. Think how people's exclamations of "Ugh!" will turn to "Eh!" Don't waste a moment. For 25c, you can have a ten year supply of B. LEMISH'S SKIN CREAM. Send 25c with \$1.00 to cover handling... to B. LEMISH, c/o Lemish's Hogfat Distillery in Smurdey. If not satisfied, you will receive double your money back. However, we are confident we will be satisfied with your money.

## OVERWEIGHT and can't diet?



TRY THE NU-MAL TRITION WAY ... of getting rid of fat. NU-MAL TRITION does not pretend to dissolve fat. NU-MAL TRITION does not work on the stomach to give you loss of appetite. NU-MAL TRITION merely knocks you unconscious for days on end. NU-MAL TRITION, the sure way to dieting.

## Sitting Down All The Time... Lack of Pep?

Don't neglect your kidneys. Very often, a simple thing like a neglected kidney can make you feel listless, tired all day with no energy to get ahead in the world. Don't let this condition make you lose out on life. Don't let lack of pep deny you fame. You might be rich right now if you had some of that pep to get-up and go and make out in this world. Mursley's Penetrating Iron Tablets are the thing for you. These tablets are designed so that they will give you plenty of get-up and go. You see Mursley's Penetrating Iron tablets have an iron point on the top so that when used properly as directed, you will find sitting on Mursley's Penetrating Iron tablets gives you all the get-up and go that you need.

# FREE PRACTICALLY

We Pay You to Take Away This Furniture...practically!

87 piece set, reg..\$1,000

OUR PRICE \$25

Look at all these pieces



- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 Sofa       | 1 Coffee Table  |
| 3 Cushions   | 1 Coffee Cup    |
| 4 Legs       | 2 Lumps Sugar   |
| 2 Arms       | 1 Flower Pot    |
| 2 Chairs     | 5 Flowers       |
| 7 Legs       | 1 Cigarette Box |
| 1 Lamp Table | 1 Match Book    |
| 1 Lamp       | 22 Cigarettes   |
| 1 Lamp Shade | 30 Matches      |
| 1 Bulb       |                 |

Just think... when you buy this \$1,000 value for \$25, you save \$975! That's like \$975 put in the bank! Shop at our store and you will be rich in no time!

## The following, we HAVE to get rid of! Come TAKE it away!

- |   |          |                  |
|---|----------|------------------|
| Hollywood Bed, genuine sprung steel .....                   | reg. 500 | reduced to 39.99 |
| Hollywood Mattress, genuine spring steel lumps .....        | reg. 300 | reduced to 29.99 |
| Hollywood Studio Couch, from genuine Hollywood studio ...   | reg. 100 | reduced to 19.99 |
| Hollywood Bunk, single, double, triple, fupple decker. .... | reg. 50  | reduced to 9.99  |
| Hollywood Cot, folding canvas, type U.S.A. ....             | reg. 10  | reduced to .99   |
| Hollywood Stool .....                                       | reg. 1   | reduced to .09   |

Scalper's Dept. Store

AT SMURDEY AND MAIN

FREE parking, OR...if you can't ride, WE'LL pick you up, OR...if you can't leave home, WE'LL bring the merchandise to you, OR...WE'LL do anything! ANYTHING...YOU HEAR!!! 4



## Broadway

...300 pages later,  
you come back  
to more regular  
printing...the features!

Well, for you today, I have plenty of dirt culled from Broadway for you today. Last night, this reporter picked up some mighty interesting items down along that glamorous avenue of theatres, clubs, and the neon night-life. And here are some of the items, some of the dirt that this Broadway reporter picked up. Some of the items and dirt were: a hardly smoked cigar butt, a indian penny, a comic book with cover torn off, 1/2 pound silver paper from cigarette packages, 10 Planter's Peanuts wrappers I can send away for free stamps.

AND NOW, around the nightclubs with Smurdley Yeldrums: At the Stark Club I saw Zaza Zam chatting in a very chummy manner with producer, Sam Urdley. At the Twentythousand Four Eight Club, Ludmsley Zam, husband of the beauteous Zaza Zam, was seen sitting alone and this reporter chatted with him for a moment. At the Moco-bombo, Sam Urdley, producer, was seen being punched in the nose while chatting with Ludmsley Zam. At the Coq Roach, Zaza Zam seen also punched in the nose while chatting with Ludmsley Zam. At the Chez Pigalle, this reporter seen punched in the nose by Zaza Zam.

AND NOW, the hottest item of the week: What T.V. actress has been frequently seen with what international playboy at what restaurant at what time? What is going on between these two and what will Broadway actors have to say? What will his agent have to say and what will his company do about what? In fact, what do all these goings on mean in the first place? If you know what, let me know what because I'd like to know myself

AND NOW, an open letter to Bopley Smurd: Dear Bopley, I am sending you this open letter because of the recent encounter you had with your public the other night when you got angry at your fans and refused to sign their autograph books. I am writing you this open letter to remind you that it was the fans who put you where you are today. It was the fans who gave you your first break as a singer. Remember you used to be an electrician and you were fixing the electric fans at the Stark Club and the night club owners heard you singing while you were fixing those electric fans? Remember? Hah, you bum, remember? That was your first break. I am writing you this letter just to remind you what those fans did for you. So last night, when your kicking screaming fans tore the sleeve from your coat, the leg from your pant, the hair from your head, there was no reason for you to get mad...no reason to start to strangle that little girl. She just wanted your socks for a souvenir. And mainly I am writing this open letter...I am writing you this open letter...because a closed letter would cost three cents postage and it's cheaper this way.

AND NOW, goings on about town. Pat Mike is about to sue Sam Tom! A.B. will double-cross C.D. in the morning! and E.F. is going to punch G.H. in the nose tomorrow! L.S. signed that contract with M.F.T. and it's rumored that Q.X. will O.K. that deal with O.K. However, although Q.X. will O.K. O.K., O.K. will not O.K. deal. Does Q.X. think O.K. is O.K.? If so, how can Q.X. O.K. if O.K. is not O.K. that is, if O.K. is Q.X. and not O.K. I mean O.K. rather than O.K. er, the first O.K. rather than O.K. as used the second time. Shall we get on to the next item!

AND NOW, this is your Broadway Gunk reporter, Smurdley Yeldrums closing with the final statement of wisdom that I pass along to you out there in order to give you something to think about today and that final wise word is... anybody want to buy silver-paper? I have 1/2 a pound which I will sell cheap.



WHAT ACTRESS?



FAN



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By MURDLEY S.

THE POOP will pay \$10 for every intelligent, thoughtful, important question submitted and used by this column.

## QUESTION

...you ever get punched inna nose?

## LOCATION

Down in the subway in various locations...on the platforms, in the trains, and on the tracks.

## ANSWERS

Punchy Knucklehead, sandwich sign carrier: Nobody eva punched me. I don't give 'em the chance. I punch 'em fust. When guys pass me an'

I don't like 'eir looks PUNCH! I let 'em have it.

Head knuckle Punched, process server: Yes, people always punch me in the nose. My job makes people mad. Sometimes people punch me for no reason. The other day some sandwich-sign carrier came up and punched me in the nose.

Knucklepunch Head, potrzebie. Ma y b e. One day, I went to the top of the Statue of Liberty and was accosted there by a thief who gave me a

punch in the belly. We were standing in the Statue of Liberty's nose, so although I was punched in the belly, I was punched in the nose.

Headpunch Knuckle, malcontented dish washer: Has one the right to be punched in the nose is the core of this question. Don't let "big interests" talk you into not getting punched in the nose. I hope that answers your question.

Bobo Bom, stenographer: Quit following me or I'll give YOU a punch inna nose!



## POOP PEOPLE'S LETTERS

Please give name and address and name of your lawyer with your letter

## SHOOT

This city is going to the dogs! There are no good bums in city-hall that are decaying and corrupting our city till gradually, it is going to the dogs. There is a small band of dirty no-good self-seeking money-hungry political bums who alone are responsible for letting the city go to the dogs. And there is only one thing left to stop these dirty bunch of no good bums from letting this city go to the dogs. I say we must take them out and shoot them like dogs. I say we must take them out and shoot them like dogs. I say we must take them out and shoot them like dogs. That way, this city cannot go to the dogs.

GREATLY DISGUSTED

## GRIND UP

Your newspaper is the worst rag on the market. It is the most terrible bunch of junk I have ever seen. It isn't fit for lining the trash can. It isn't even fit to grind up and make into other paper again. It isn't even fit for thinking of grinding up and making into other paper. It isn't even fit for making into paper for thinking of grinding up and making into other paper. I'll bet you don't print this.

REALLY DISGUSTED

## CRUMS

What a bunch of crums you are. I'll bet you don't print this.

MUCH DISGUSTED

## BUMS

Bums! I'll bet you don't print this.

PLENTY DISGUSTED

## I'LL

I'll bet you don't print this GOOD AND DISGUSTED

## STUPID

I read the letter yesterday by reader, "MOST DIS-

GUSTED," and I want to voice my disagreement to this letter attacking some of the basic ideas of our political structure. I want to say to "MOST DISGUSTED," men like you are the fundamental trouble with our whole social and political ideology. In other words, in answer to your statement "Women are stupid!" I say, men are stupid!

DISGUSTED GIRL

## STUPID

I just want to second reader "MOST DISGUSTED"'s letter. If anyone has the simplest grasp of life, has the merest ability to comprehend the complex philosophy we live by, they would realize instantly why we have wars, why we have sickness and disease. They would realize in a sentence like "MOST DISGUSTED," that women are stupid!

DISGUSTED BOY

## STUPID

In answer to the vital argument "MOST DISGUSTED"'s letter has touched off, I think the truth of the matter is men and women are stupid!

DISGUSTED THING

## KILL

I think that the solution to our problems is to kill all the Democrats

DISGUSTED REPUBLICAN

## KILL

I think the solution to our problems is to kill all the Republicans.

DISGUSTED DEMOCRAT

## KILL

I think the solution to our problems is to kill everybody. PLAIN DISGUSTED



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the first man worked for. When I met the first man, it was love at first sight, and since he had divorced the second woman, he thought everything was all right till the first woman showed up. Now everything is a furshlugginer mess and I am wondering if you have any opinion on all this. Miss Un-

★ ★ ★ WHAT'S ★ ★ ★  
**UP-STARS**  
YOUR HOROSCOPE

**by Steller Smurdley**  
**Today**—the stars predict many important events, so take careful note. First of all, it seems that the morning will start very early, and later on in the day you will find yourself in the afternoon. Still later on, take care, for it will get very dark and you will be very sleepy. Our advice would be for you to go to bed. During the day, try to see and think clearly. Try not to get into trouble. Also, try to eat and breathe and most of all, stay alive.

**Gemini**—Today to all Gemini's who have birthdays, all we have to say to you is, Jiminy, Gemini, happy birthday! For all Gemini, nomatter hominid, we predict that today your future lies ahead of you although your past is behind.

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**SWORDS**

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required, what is your answer? **ANSWER:** Yes.

**DEAR MISS UNREQUIT-ED:** I am going out who sometimes I think don't love me. He don't have a job, and once we had a date and I gave him my pay-check to take us out and when he took me home I asked him for the change and he told me to leave him alone or he'd never take me out again. Next time we had a date, I gave him my car for us to take a ride in. When he took me home, I asked for the car and he told me to leave him alone or he'd never take me for a ride again. Next time we had a date, he was with another girl. When he took her home, I asked him to take me home. He told me to leave him alone or he'd get me in trouble. What I want to know is, can he get me in trouble?—Z.X.

**ANSWER:** Maybe.

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NOT DAMES

**GIRLS**  
GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!

**LOVE**



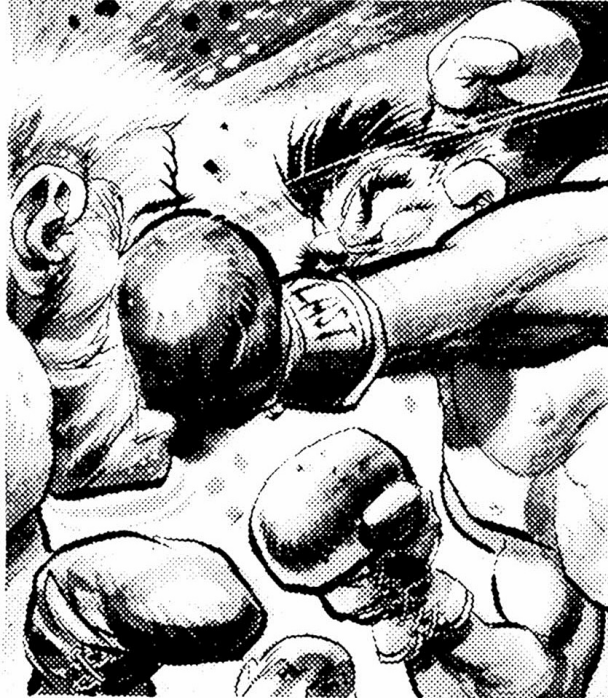
# 10 PAGES BLOODY FIGHT PICS

Full Nauseating Story on Page 980

*finally the back page which is a shame to civilization sometimes!*



(POOP foto by Jack Davis)



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## Messiest Fight Ever

Here are the Daily Poop's exclusive fight pics of the Kid Smadoodley-Punchy Melvin bout. The Poop has spared no expense to give you complete photo coverage of best and bloodiest parts of fight with photos of hardest blows, taken from many different angles. Candid shot on left [←] catches face of Punchy Melvin as it contorts from Smadoodley's left to the head. Next candid shot [←] catches Kid's contorted face pressed unbelievably flat for an instant by Punchy's glove. Below, left [←], Punchy's face contorted. . . ear is where eye should be. Last shot [←] Kid's whole face is in space eyebrows should be.

—Lots more, p. 50-60



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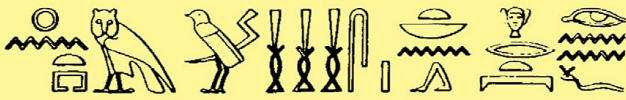
## Man Fined For Bashing Son

This photo [→] shows grown-up accused of severely spanking youthful son [→]. Grown-up told reporters how while reading newspaper today, he noticed youth looking at evil reading matter. Suddenly, grown-up's mind felt so strangely corrupted, he jumped up and spanked youth [→]. Youth [→] points [→] to wrench [←] grownup [↑] used to [↓] spank.

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And now, once again, in line with our purpose of informing as well as entertaining, **MAD** turns serious for a moment. Once again, in order to bring the future into focus, we present this month an article by a famous analyst on Egypt. Yes, it is well to watch Egypt, keystone of the east. In Egypt the decisions of tomorrow will be made in the future. We are sure that this article will stress that fact even more so, and so we present this article called . . .



by . . .



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# MAD MUMBLINGS



Dear Editors,

... What's the idea of trying to palm that article in issue #3 off as Greek writing. I know Captain Marvel code when I see it.—Hal Higdon—Chicago, Ill.

... In MAD #13, in the story of the Book Version, you have the main character saying, "Gimme that #@\*\*#\$ film." I read the real book version, and I believe he said, "Gimme that xx#(a\*\*#\$ film."—Paul Anderson—Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

... All the squares around my crazy school don't dig no bop talk. I told one square to lend me a hunk of bread and he said he had some biscuits and that's all.—Paul Cummino—Salino, Kan.

... After digging Mad Mumblings, I hate to say it but I do think those kats are a bit square on Bop. It seems all they know is "dig, cool, man, crazy." I'd like to assist. Now a true hipster is hep to the times and comes on like Einstein... starts inventing. Sentence structure is the key. Man, if you're gonna cool that jive completely, you've got to go it phrase-wise. A foreigner who checks in at the 48 might know how to say, "Yes, no, hello, goodbye." Those few don't rate him no diploma. He's got to cool it more so. Same thing with the Hipster. He must not have eyes to see fragmentation, he must go fluidly.—Richard Bassford—Corona, L. I.

... Hipster's revised dictionary:

house—RANCH  
eat—GREASE  
car—STROLLER  
key—TWISTER  
sit down—SQUAT  
money—ENDS  
let's go—LET'S QUIT IT  
door—SLAMMER  
radio commercial—SONNET  
heckler—JONAH  
broke—WASTED  
bop records—JAMS  
Stan Kenton—THE MAN  
hundred dollars—A YARD  
pal—MY MAN  
shoes—SANDALS, STOMPERS, KICKS  
popular fellow—PLAYER

—D. (for Down) McAllister—Baltimore, Md.

... Some more words for the Bop Dictionary:

a few minutes—A FEW TICKS  
I'll see you—LATER  
real nice—TOO MUCH  
Bop records—TUNES, SIDES  
bad—SCROUNGY  
friends—HENCHMEN  
to go—TO BLAZE, SPLIT  
house—CRIB  
square—TURKEY  
eye glasses—CHEATERS  
nice—WILD  
the 1st Sgt.—SIMON LEGREE

—Personnel of 8th R.S.M.—Brooks A.F.B., Tex.

... Your comic-book, MAD, is highly objectionable in so many ways that I will not bother to state them. I do not believe in censorship by a governmental agency or through organized pressure but I do feel that you should be appealed to on an intelligent basis. You have responsibilities beyond your interest in making profits. When your work is designed for young people you have the responsibility to help them grow strong emotionally as well as intellectually. I feel that you have no other choice but to remove your comic-book MAD from the stands... if you are honest.—Frank Quinn—San Francisco, Cal.

... In order to make a buck, an artist may turn to the public, and thus lose all his principles. When MAD first appeared on the stands, it was a comic-book for the intellectuals, and circulation was low. Now, circulation is high, and I fear you boys are going to mass-produce for the public, and MAD will keep increasing its circulation. So what! The New York Times would increase its circulation if they used an eight-column head, or printed the Hollywood scandals. Thank God the Times hasn't been swayed by the public's cheap demands. The same can apply to music. Toscaninni probably would be more popular if he lead such great pieces as Ricochet Romance or Doggie in the Window. Wouldn't you rather have your book appeal to intelligent people than to appeal to the ignorant proletariat? LeRoy Furguson—Wilmington, Mass.

... Just thought I'd write in to say that I appreciate MAD humor very much as do many of my friends here at Tufts college. If intelligent satire can woo kids from stupid comic-books and television, MAD comics will carry us far along the way, and each one saved from imbecility will be a triumph for you.—Marvin Galper—Salem, Mass.


... I nominate MAD for the Pulitzer Prize in literature for 1954. In time I believe your magazine will take its place as one of the classics.—Edwin L. Magee—U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

... Would you please tell a poor, uneducated college student what Potrzebie means?—Scooter—Penn. State, Penn.

... What does the word Potrzebie mean?—Eddie Essen (cotton-picker)—Bristol, Tenn.

... Please tell me what Potrzebie means.—N.S.—Boston, Mass.

... Potrzebie, what does it mean?—Hope Saunders—Portsmouth, Va.

*We thought you all knew. However, it's quite simple. What Potrzebie means is simply* *—ed.*

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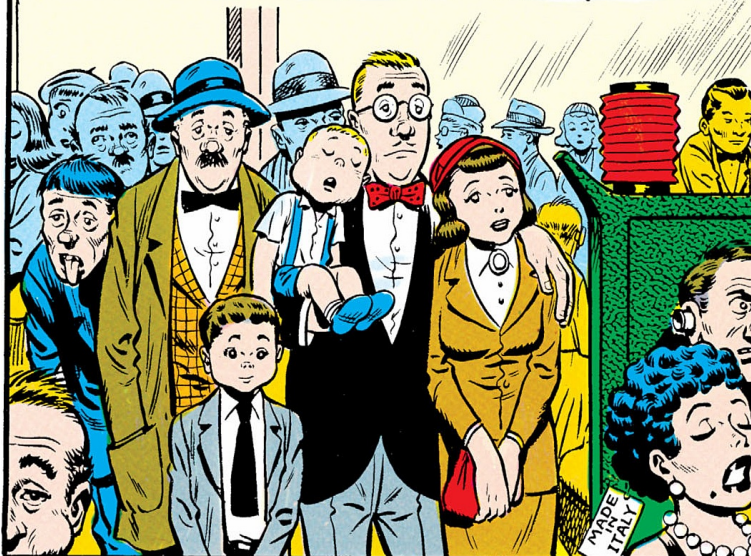
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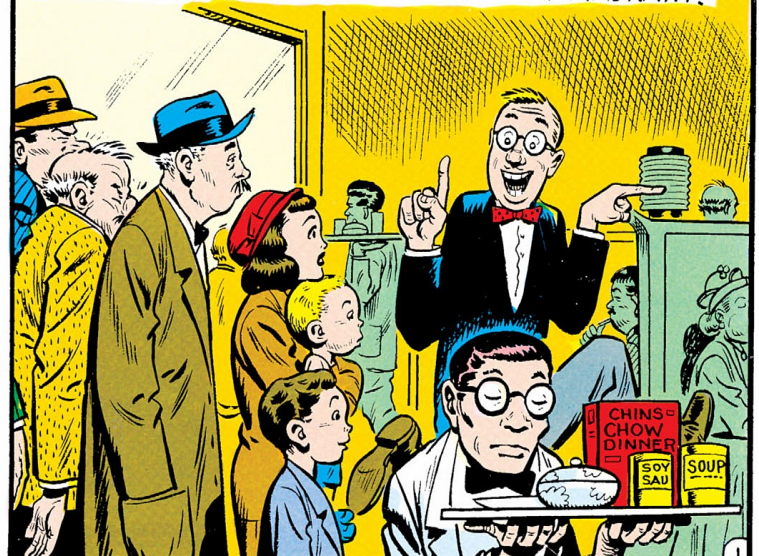
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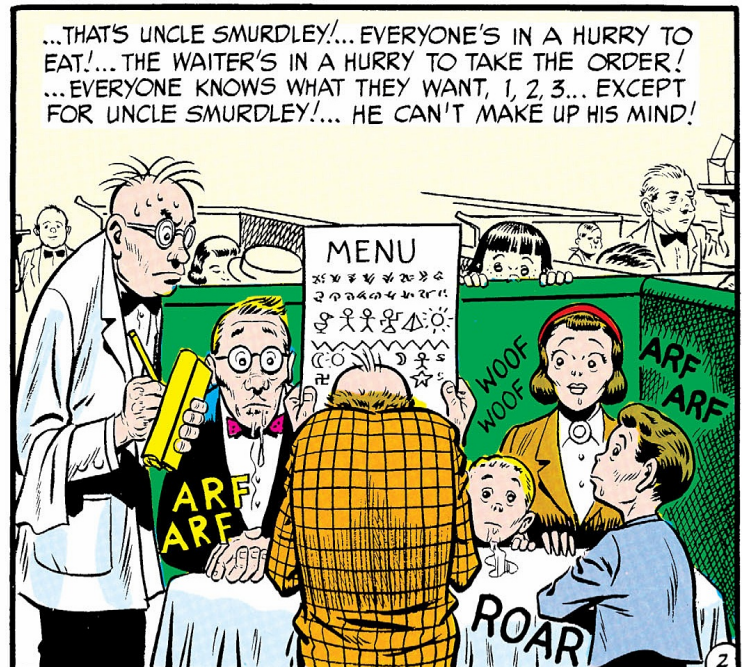
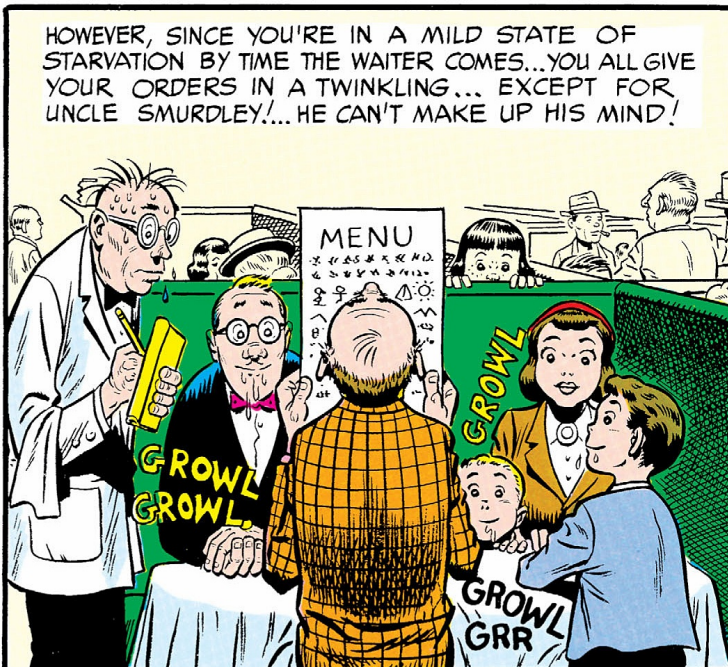
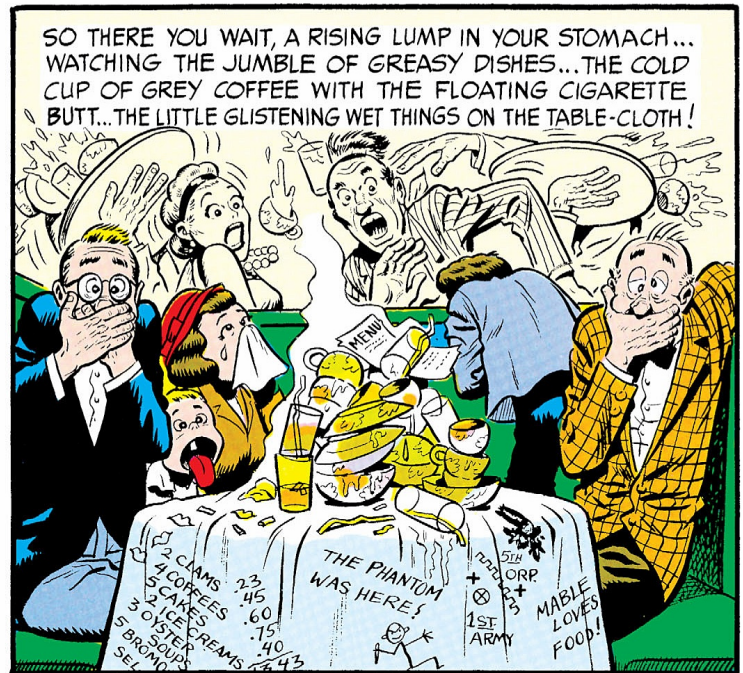
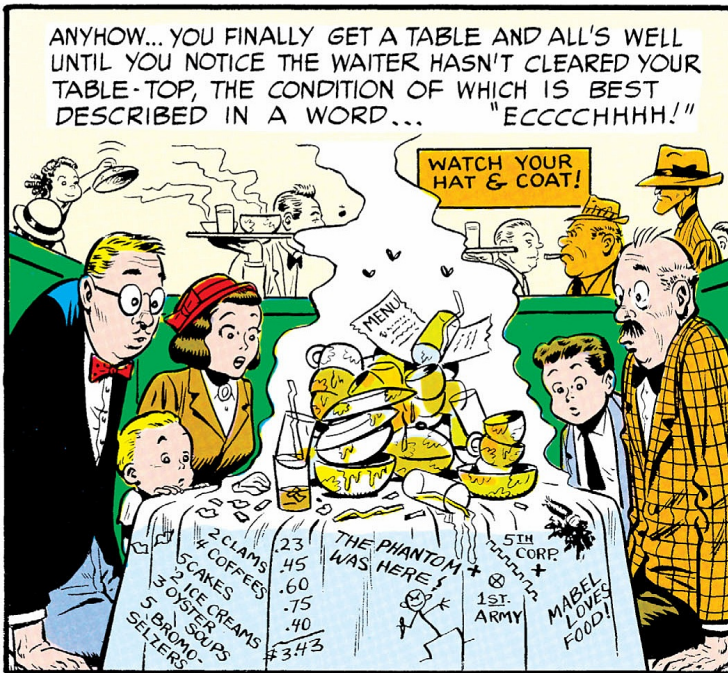
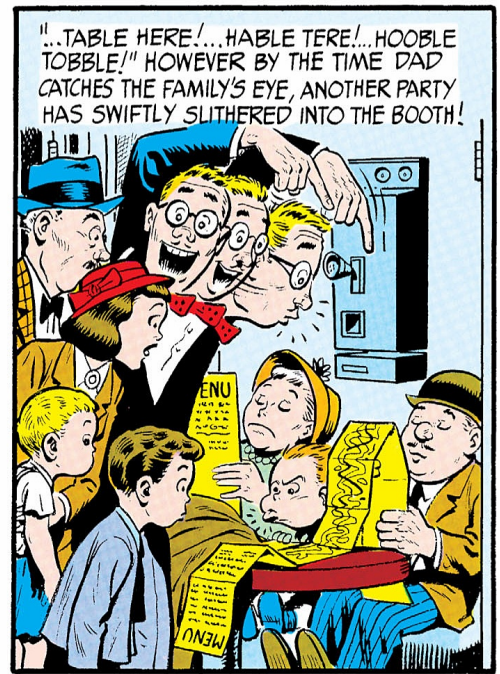
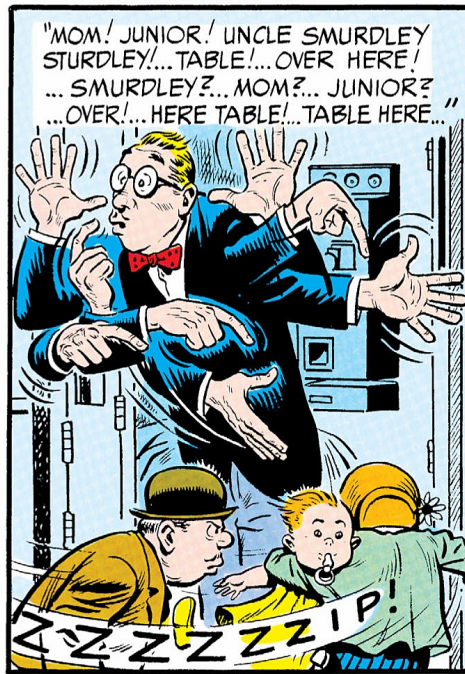
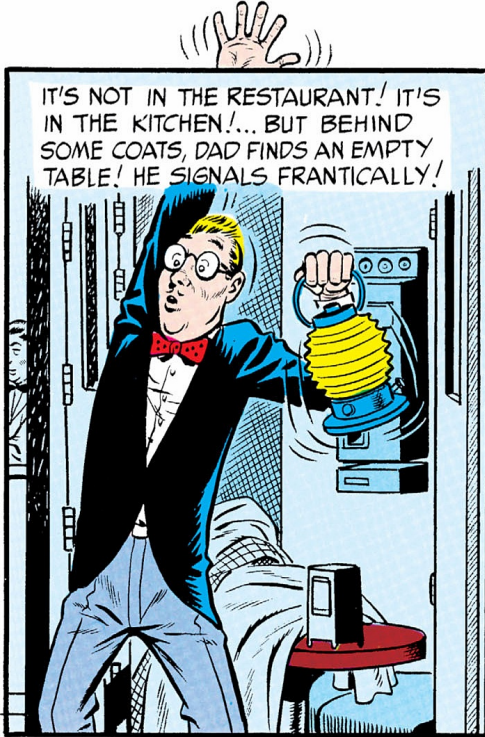
HERE YOU ARE WITH THE STURDLEYS... EYEBALLS PROTRUDING, TONGUES GENTLY LOLLING... AT A CHOW-MEIN RESTAURANT (POPULAR IN BIG CITIES), WHERE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING IN LINE FOR A TABLE!



...AT LEAST YOU'VE MOVED UP THE LINE FAR ENOUGH TO GET AROUND THE CORNER AND INDOORS! FINALLY **YOU'RE** NEXT AND DAD GLIMPSES AN EMPTY TABLE... ONLY HE'S NOT SURE IT'S IN THE RESTAURANT!









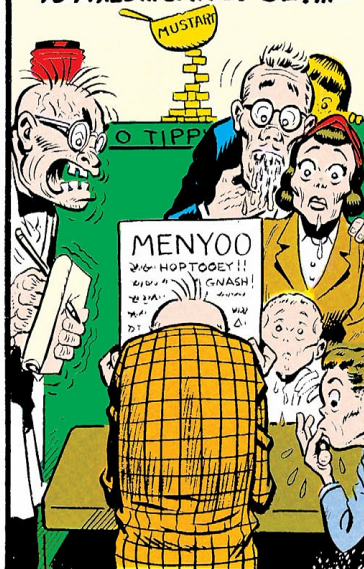
UNCLE SMURDLEY ISN'T READY!... FOUR MINDS SCREAM SILENTLY, PLEADING HE SHOULD ORDER!



UNCLE SMURDLEY ISN'T READY!... FOUR SOULS WRITE SECRETLY... SHRIEKING HE SHOULD ORDER!



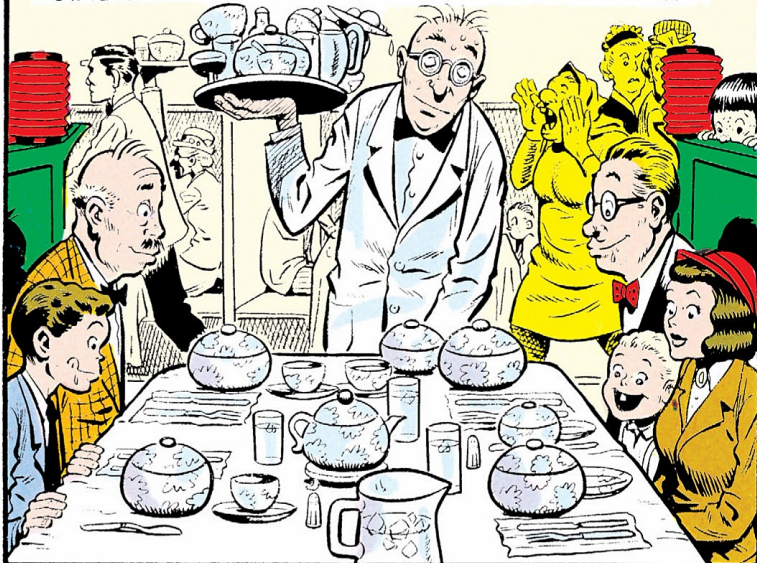
UNCLE SMURDLEY ISN'T READY! **BUT WAIT!... HIS EYE IS STEADY... HIS GLANCE IS FIXED... CAN IT BE?...**



**YES!... UNCLE SMURDLEY IS READY!!!** HOW- EVER... NOW THE WAITER ISN'T READY!



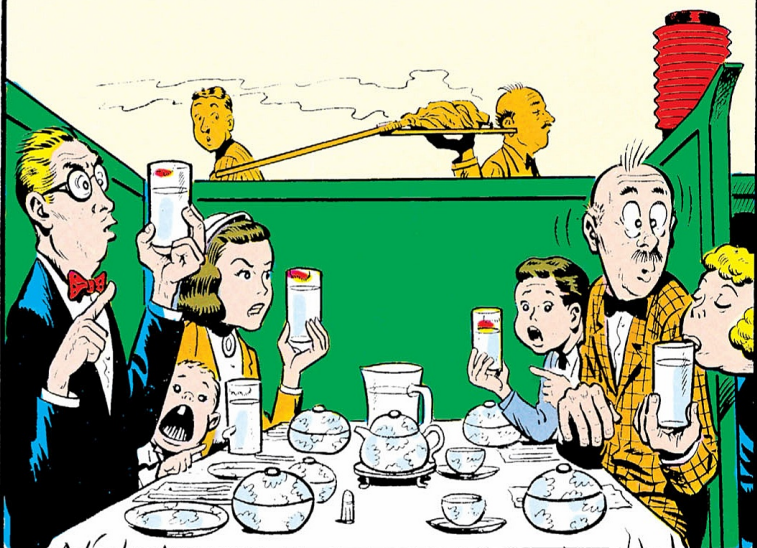
EVENTUALLY, YOU DO GET FOOD!... AND THE WAY IT'S SERVED... YOU REALLY GET A TERRIFIC APPETITE JUST LOOKING!... ON FRESH WHITE LINEN, AMIDST SHINY SILVERWARE STILL WARM FROM A SCALDING BATH...



...BOWLS OF THICK STEAMING SOUP... GLEAMING COVERED PORCELAIN CASSEROLES EXUDING FRAGRANCE... TASTY SAUCES ON LITTLE DISHES HOT FROM THE KITCHEN... BOY! WOULD YOU GET SICK IF YOU SAW THE KITCHEN!



NOW YOU START NOTICING LITTLE DETAILS!... DAD FINDS LIPSTICK ON HIS GLASS!... MOM FINDS LIPSTICK ON HER GLASS!... JUNIOR FINDS LIPSTICK ON HIS GLASS!... UNCLE SMURDLEY FINDS **LIPS** ON HIS GLASS!

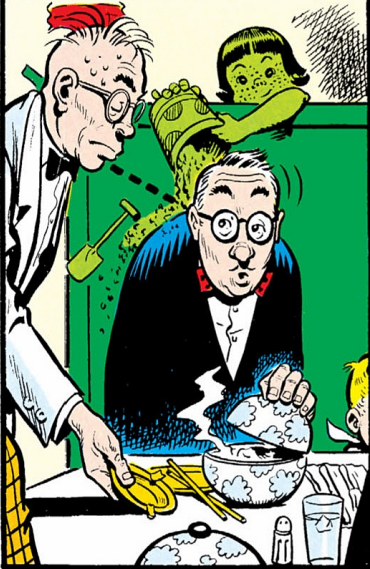


SO YOU GOT TO SIGNAL THE WAITER!... NOW HOW YOU SIGNAL WAITERS IS BY SIGN LANGUAGE ALTHOUGH WITH SOME WAITERS, IT'S BETTER TO USE A POLICE WHISTLE OR SHOOT OFF A CANNON! THAT'S THIS WAITER!

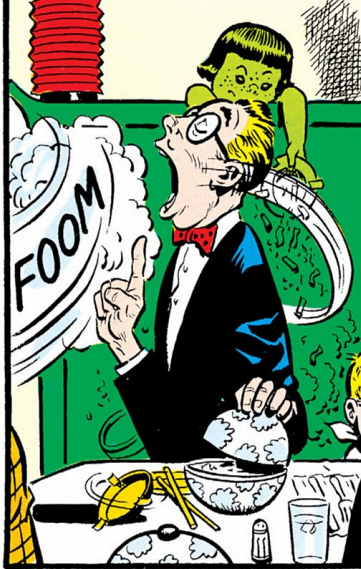




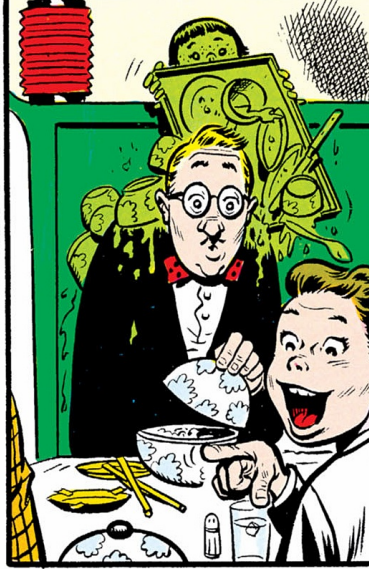
YOU CAN'T SIGNAL HIM  
SO YOU'LL CATCH HIM  
WHEN HE PASSES NEAR!  
BY GEORGE...HERE HE IS!



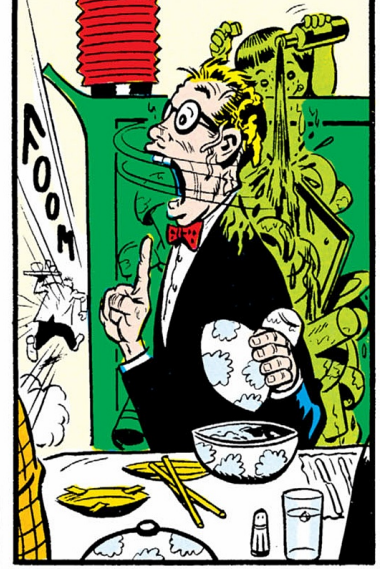
YOU SWING AROUND...  
TAKE A BREATH...OPEN  
YOUR MOUTH TO SPEAK...  
...HE'S GONE!



OH, WELL...YOU'LL CATCH  
HIM THE NEXT TIME BY!  
...WOOPS!...JUNIOR SPOTS  
HIM COMING BACK!



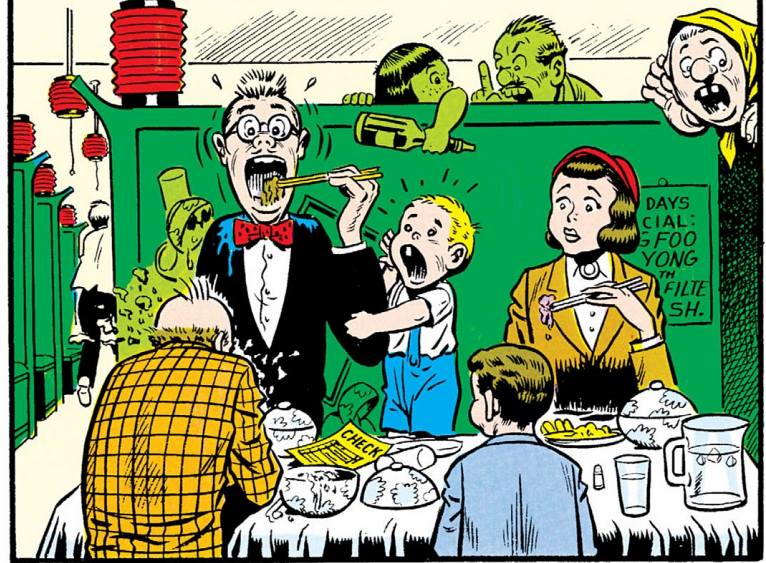
YOU JERK ERECT...SHARP  
INTAKE OF BREATH...FLING  
OPEN MOUTH TO SPEAK...  
...HE'S GONE!



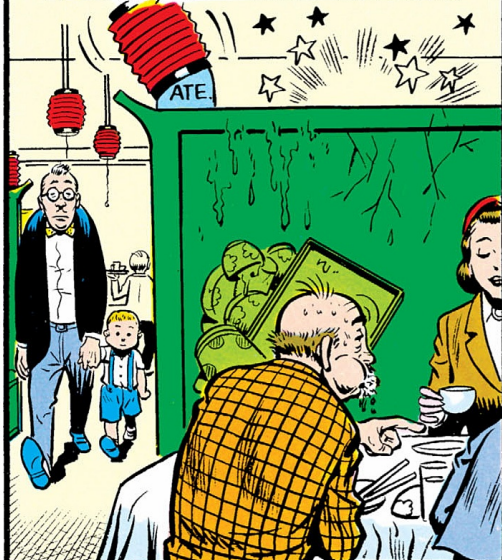
SOON... ALL OBSTACLES SURMOUNTED, YOU SPOON OUT  
SAVORY CHOW-MEIN IN CLOUDS OF STEAM... MIX VARIOUS  
INGREDIENTS BEFORE YOU, AND ECSTATICALLY  
LIFT A FORKFULL TO YOUR MOUTH...



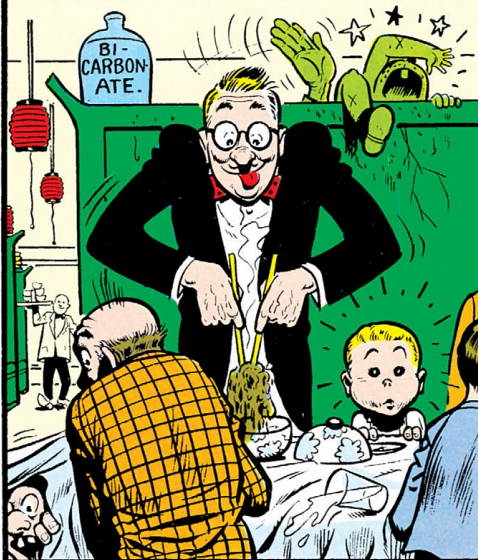
...CRISP NOODLES... STEWED ONIONS... BEAN SPROUTS...  
STRIPS OF CHICKEN... SNOWY RICE... A DAB OF ENGLISH  
MUSTARD... A DASH OF SOY-SAUCE... ALL LIFTED  
TO YOUR MOUTH... BABY HAS TO LEAVE THE ROOM!



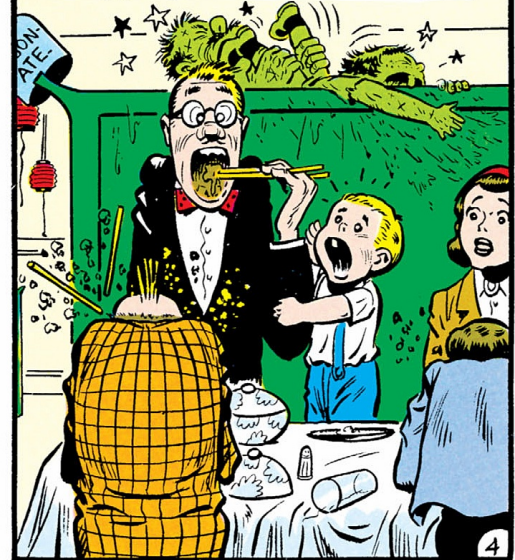
OK...! YOU GO!...YOU COME BACK!  
...YOU SIT DOWN AGAIN!... YOUR  
PLATE OF FOOD HAS COOLED OFF  
A LITTLE, BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT!



...MIX IN A LITTLE MORE HOT  
CHOW-MEIN FROM THE CASSEROLE!  
...MIX IN A LITTLE MORE HOT  
RICE!...THAT'LL WARM IT UP!

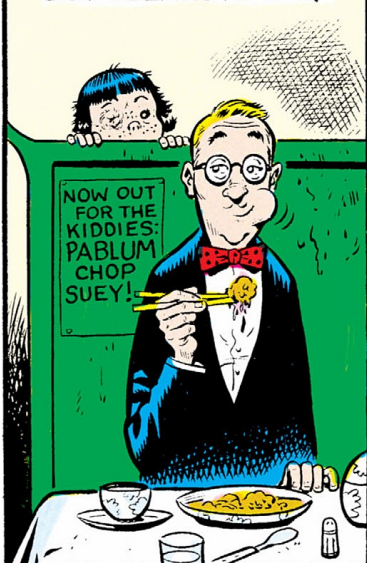


...ANOTHER DAB OF MUSTARD!  
ANOTHER DASH OF SOY-SAUCE!  
...LIFT IT TO YOUR MOUTH, AND  
...BABY HAS TO LEAVE THE ROOM!





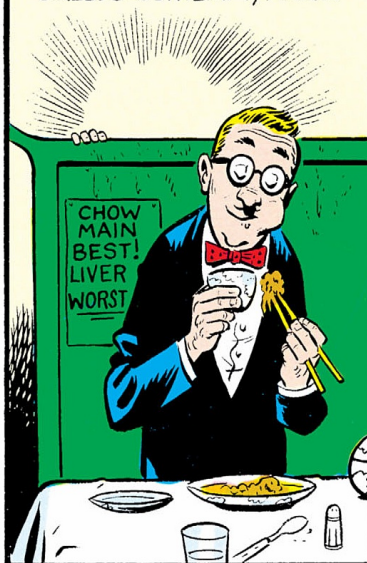
SOME TIME LATER,  
YOU'RE EATING!... THEN  
THERE'S THE CUTE LITTLE  
BOY PEEKING AT YOU!



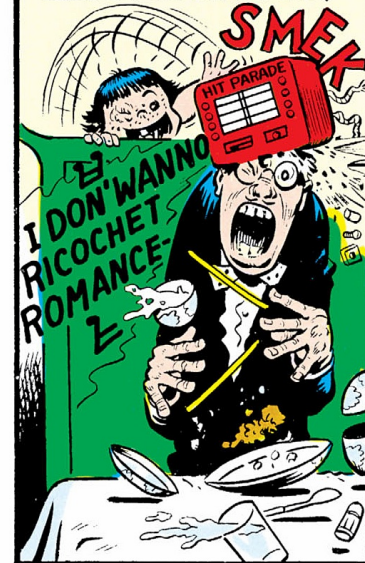
...AT LEAST YOU *THINK*  
HE'S CUTE... SO YOU  
PLAY "PEEKABOO, I  
SEE YOU" WITH HIM...



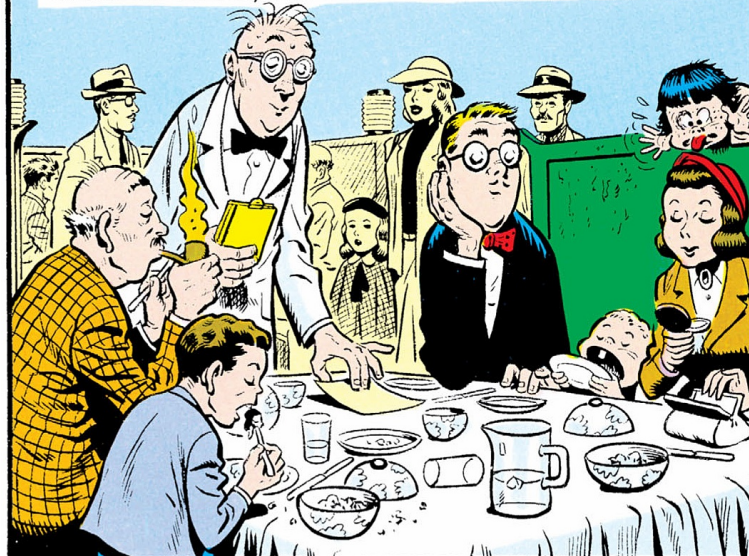
...WHICH IS A HORRIBLE  
MISTAKE BECAUSE WITH  
THIS TYPE KID, FAMILIARITY  
BREEDS CONTEMPT, AND...



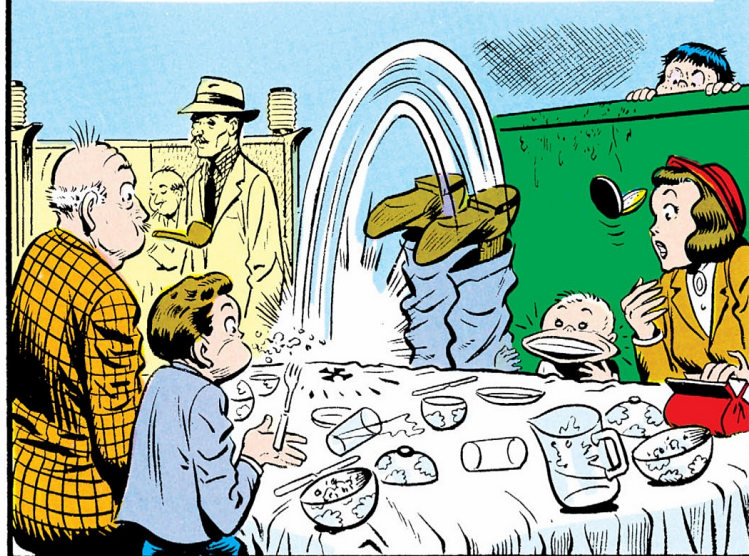
...WITH THE NEXT "I SEE  
YOU," HE GIVES YOU A  
BIG SMACK IN THE HEAD! THIS  
GOES ON TILL MEAL'S END!



WELL... THE MEAL'S OVER... THE WAITER BRINGS  
THE BILL (FACE DOWN)!... NOW A RESTAURANT BILL  
IS LIKE A PRETTY GIRL IN A BATHING SUIT! YOU  
WANT TO STARE, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE!



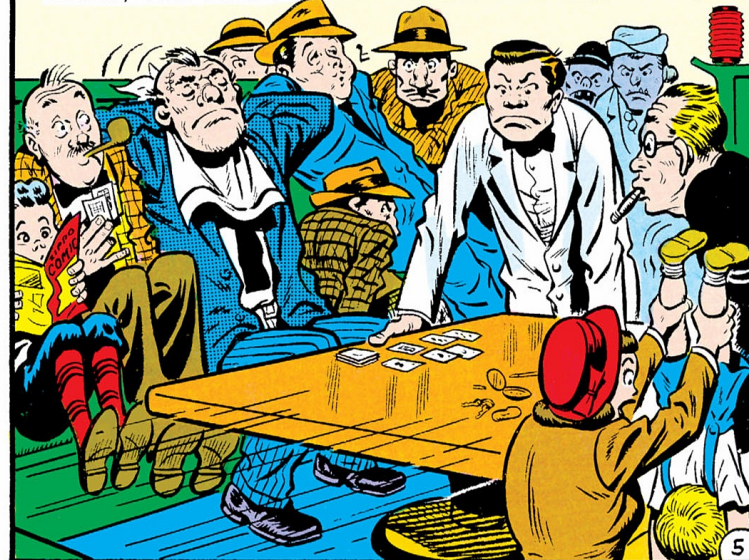
SO WHILE YOU LOOK AT THE CEILING, YOU CASUALLY  
LIFT THE CORNER OF A NAPKIN... YOU CASUALLY  
LIFT THE CORNER OF THE CHECK... YOU CASUALLY  
GLANCE AT THE PRICE... YOU CASUALLY FALL ON THE FLOOR!



ALTHOUGH PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR TABLES, YOU  
WANT TO SIT A MOMENT TO SMOKE... TO LET THE  
FOOD SETTLE! THE WAITER TAKES AWAY THE  
DISHES... TAKES AWAY THE ASH-TRAY... THE TABLE CLOTH...

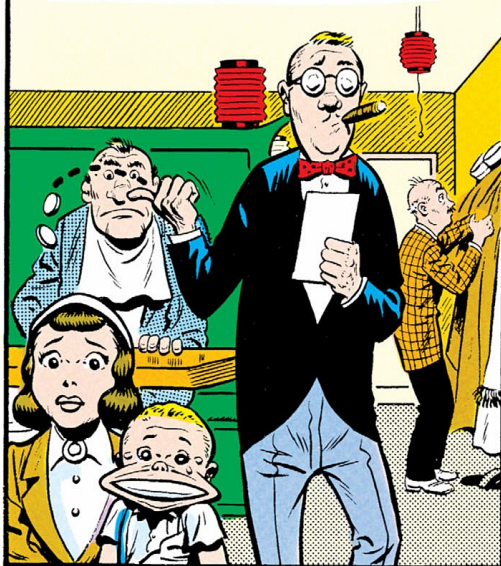


BUT WHEN THE WAITER TAKES AWAY THE TABLE AND  
WHEN THE PEOPLE START SITTING DOWN NEXT TO  
YOU AND START TUCKING NAPKINS UNDER THEIR  
CHINS, YOU FIGURE MAYBE THEY WANT YOU TO LEAVE!

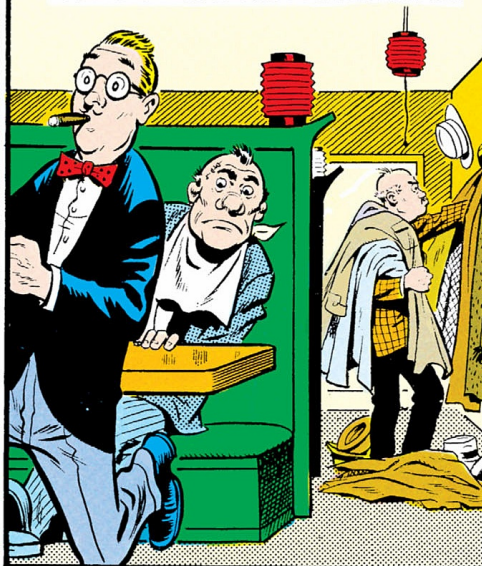




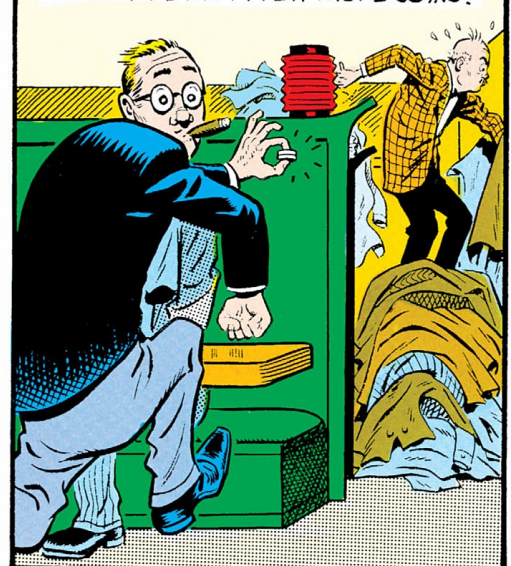
THE TIP!... UNCLE SMURDLEY DIGS FOR HIS COAT... YOU DIG FOR THE TIP!... YOU ACT UNCONCERNED... DEVIL-MAY-CARE



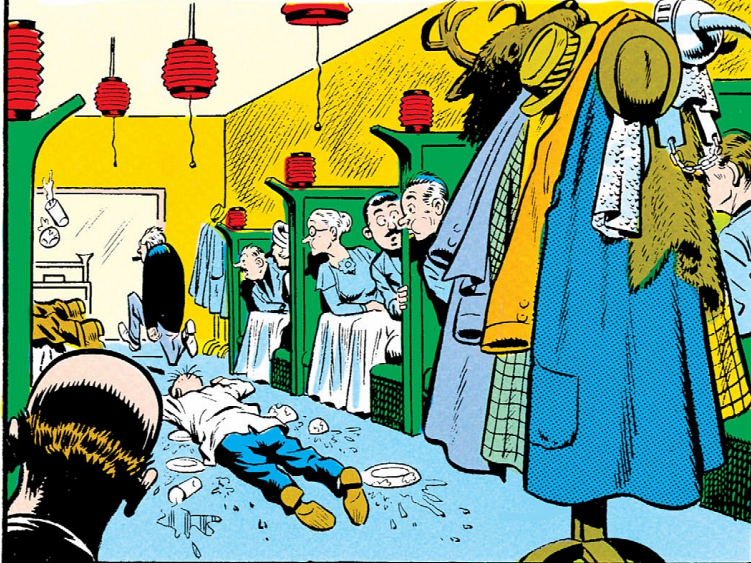
HOWEVER, INSIDE... YOUR MIND RACES FURIOUSLY... CALCULATING! YOU PUT DOWN THE TIP AND RUN IN SHAME BEFORE THE WAITER COMES!



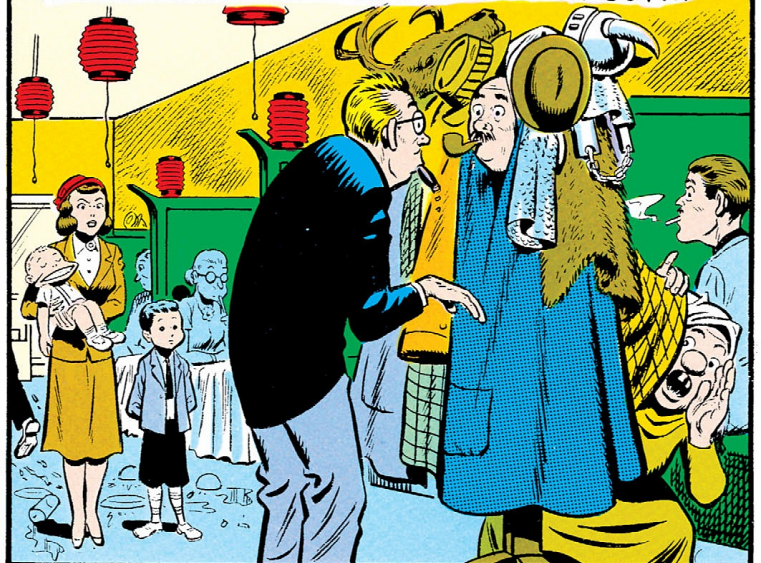
HALF-WAY OUT THE DOOR, YOUR CONSCIENCE STOPS YOU!... YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK CHEAP! YOU RUN BACK AND PUT DOWN A FEW MORE COINS!



THEN YOU CASUALLY RUN OUT, BUT ON THE WAY YOU REALIZE THE TIP YOU LEFT WAS MUCH TOO MUCH, SO YOU RUN BACK AND PICK UP SOME COINS AND YOU RUN OUT BUT THEN YOU RUN BACK...



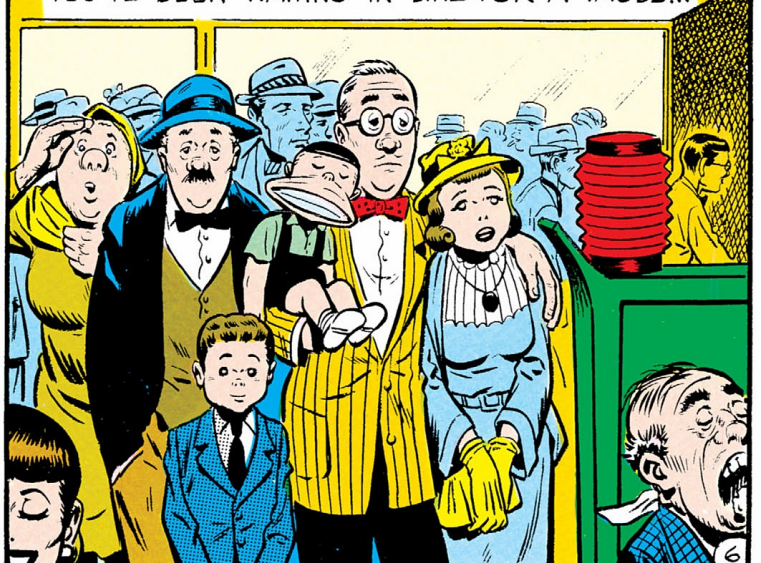
...AND YOU PUT DOWN HALF THOSE COINS AND YOU RUN OUT THEN RUN BACK BECAUSE YOU FORGOT UNCLE SMURDLEY AND YOU RUN ALL OVER, AND YOU FINALLY FIND HIM STILL DIGGING FOR HIS COAT AND YOU RUN OUT...



...AND SO, THE STURDLEY FAMILY TRUDGES OFF INTO THE SUNSET VOWING NEVER AGAIN TO GO TO **THAT** RESTAURANT... VYING IT'S MUCH SMARTER TO EAT HOME! HOWEVER... WHEN NEXT SUNDAY ROLLS AROUND...



...HERE YOU ARE WITH THE STURDLEYS... EYEBALLS PROTRUDING, TONGUES GENTLY LOLLING... AT A CHOW-MEIN RESTAURANT (POPULAR IN BIG CITIES) WHERE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING IN LINE FOR A TABLE...



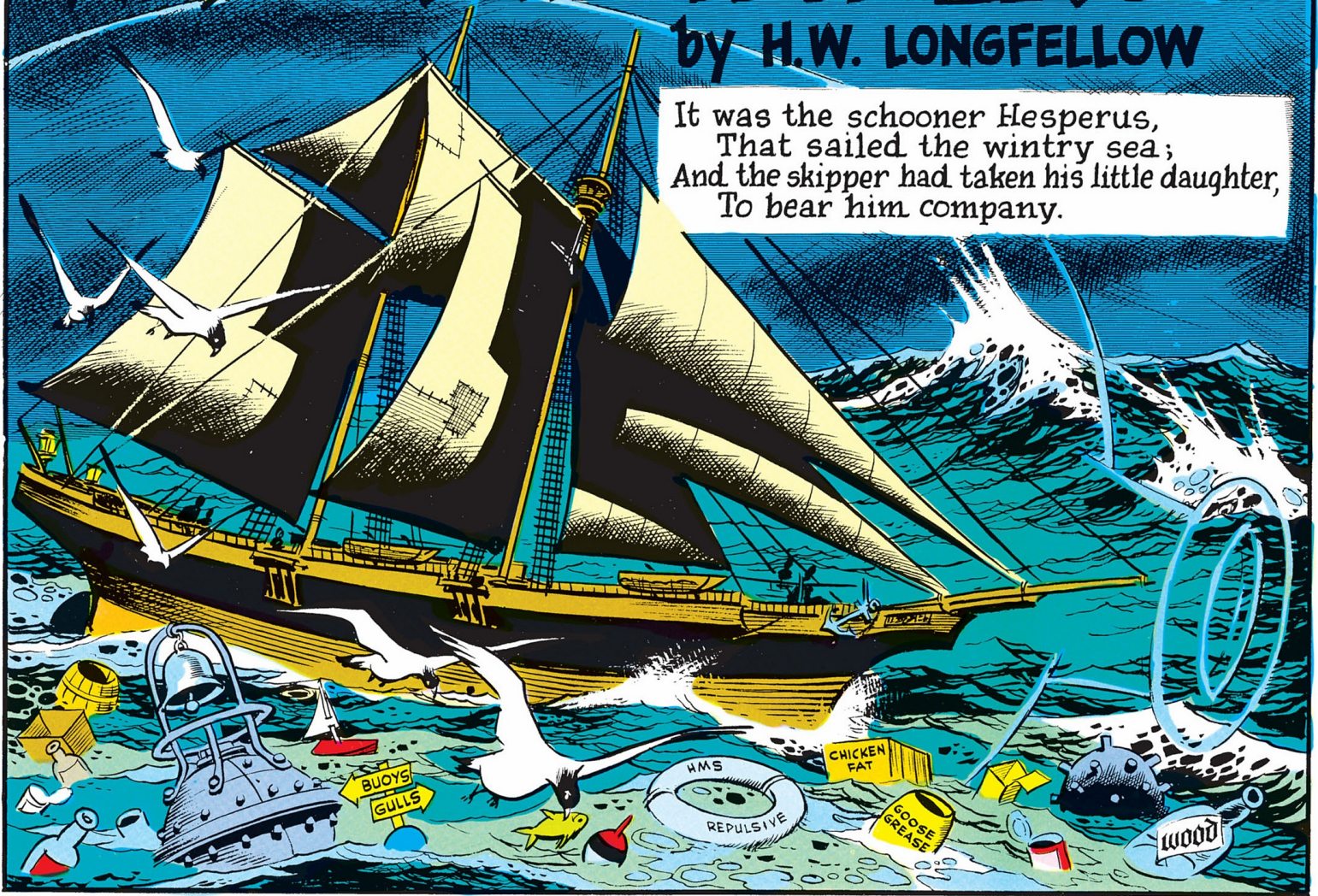


POETRY DEPT.: TODAY WE DO DISCUSS... IN MANNER MARKED OF US... (OF WRECKING AND WRACKING, AND COMIC BOOK HACKING)... THE POEM 'HESPERUS'!... AND SO PRESENTING THUS... WITH WORDS UNCHANGED OF CUSS... FROM GOOD TO WORSE, THE 'HESPERUS' VERSE TO THE...

# WRECK OF THE HESPERUS

by H.W. LONGFELLOW

It was the schooner Hesperus,  
That sailed the wintry sea;  
And the skipper had taken his little daughter,  
To bear him company.



Blue were her eyes as the fairy-flax,  
Her cheeks like the dawn of day,

And her bosom white as the hawthorn buds,  
That ope in the month of May.



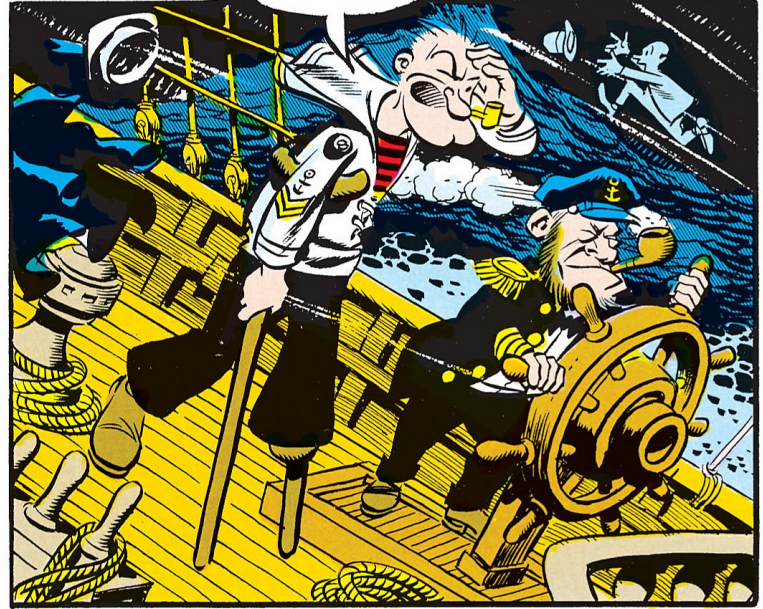
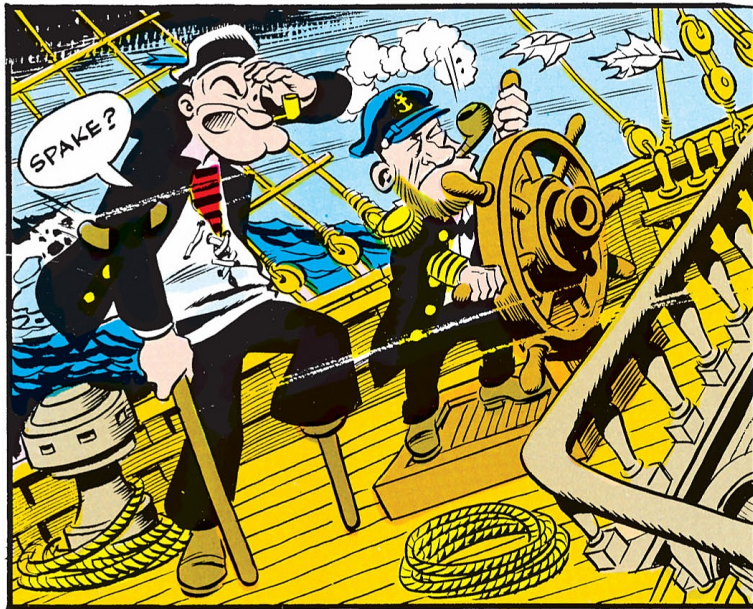


The skipper he stood beside the helm,  
His pipe was in his mouth;  
And he viewed the veering flaw did blow  
The smoke now west, now south.



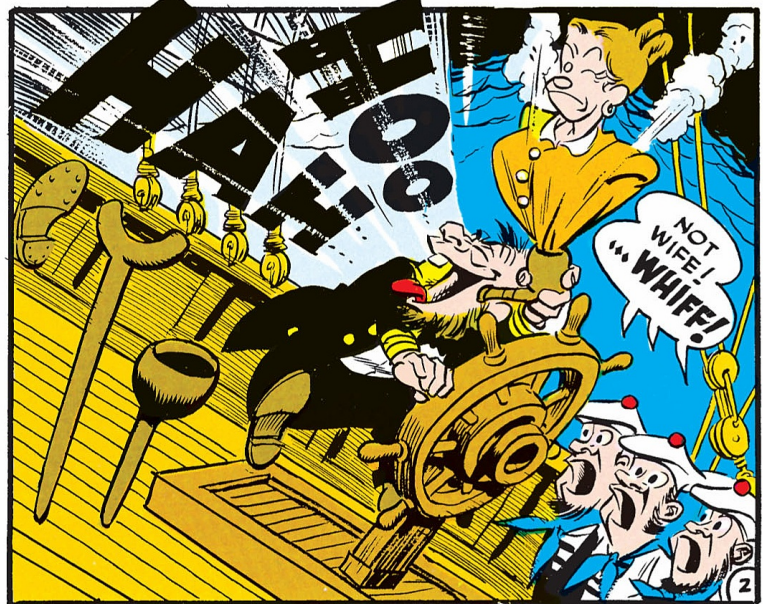
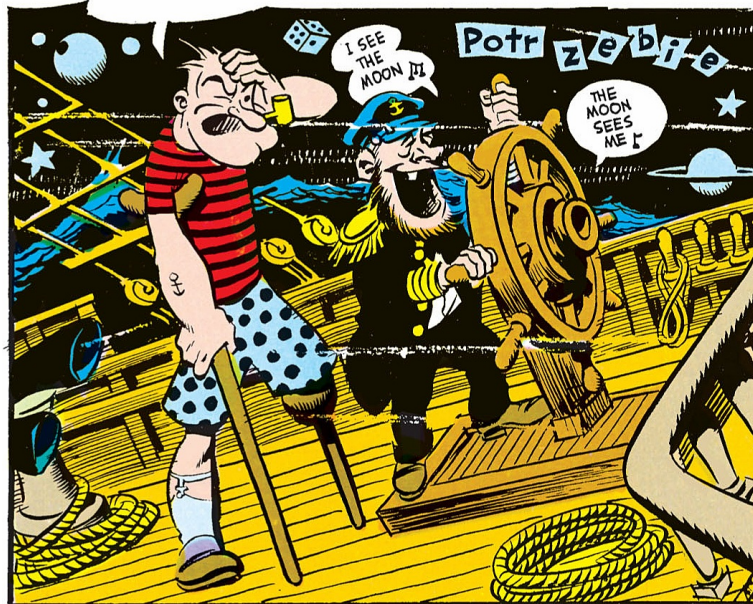
Then up spake an old sailor,  
Had sailed the Spanish Main:

"I pray thee, put into yonder port,  
For I fear a hurricane."



"Last night the moon had a golden ring,  
And tonight no moon we see!"

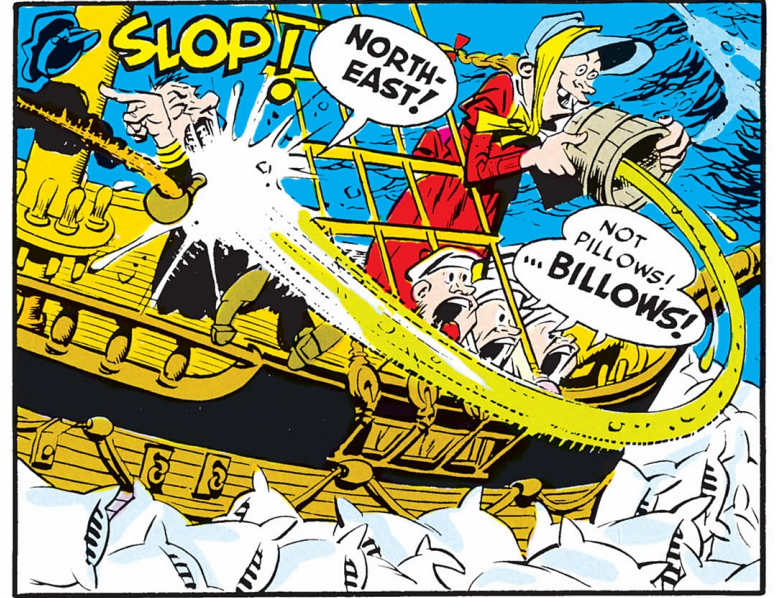
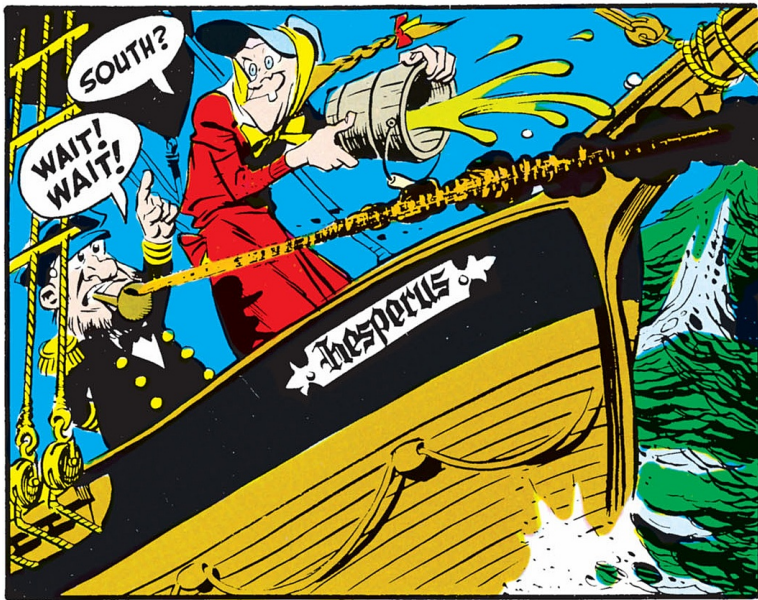
The skipper, he blew a whiff from his pipe,  
And a scornful laugh laughed he.





Colder and louder blew the wind,  
A gale from the north-east;

The snow fell hissing in the brine,  
And the billows frothed like yeast.

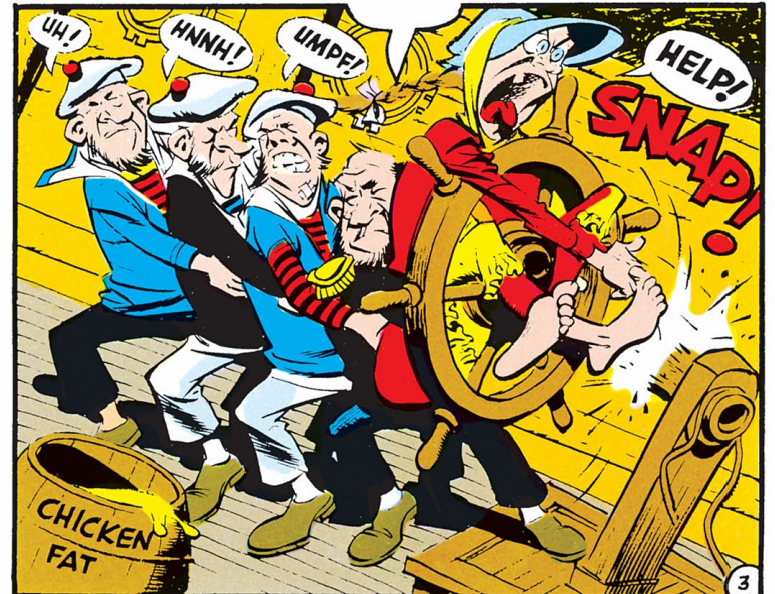
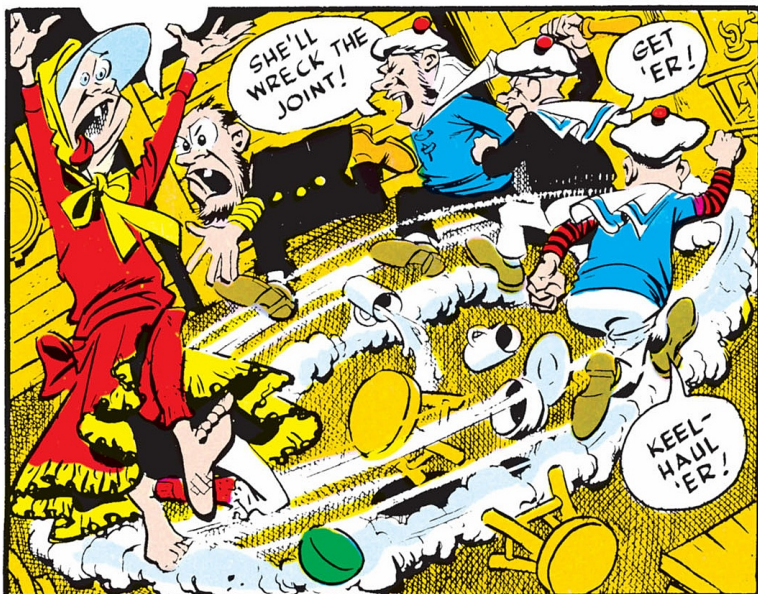


Down came the storm and smote amain  
The vessel in its strength;

She shuddered and paused like a frightened steed,  
Then leaped her cable's length.

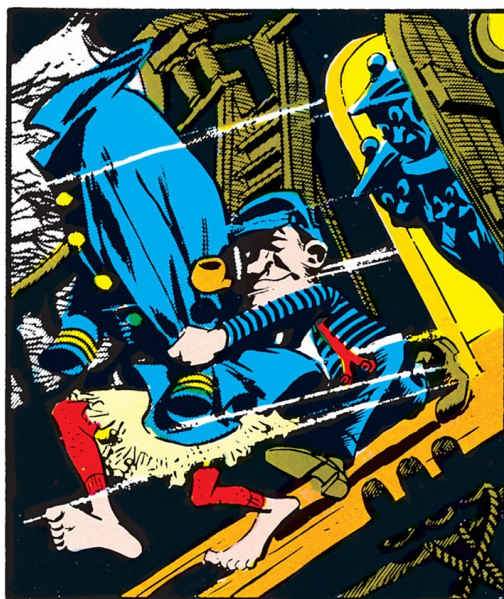


"Come hither! Come hither! My little daughter,  
And do not tremble so;" "For I can weather the roughest gale,  
That ever wind did blow."



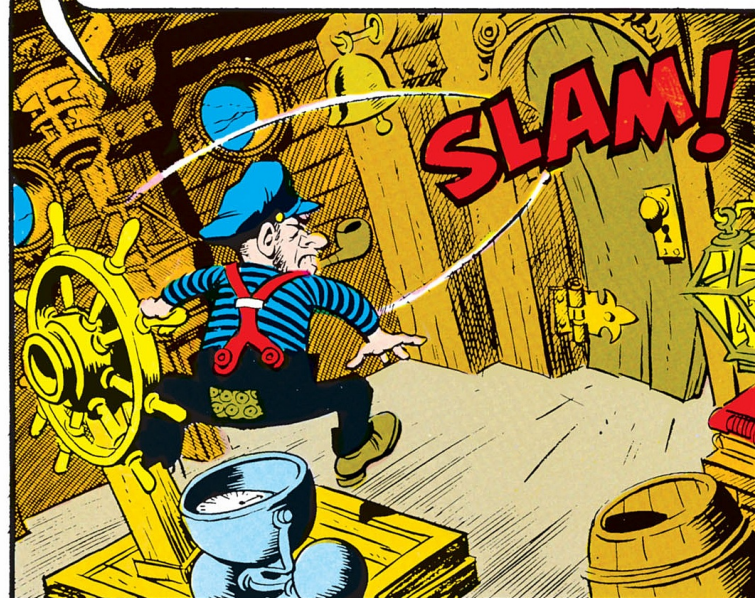
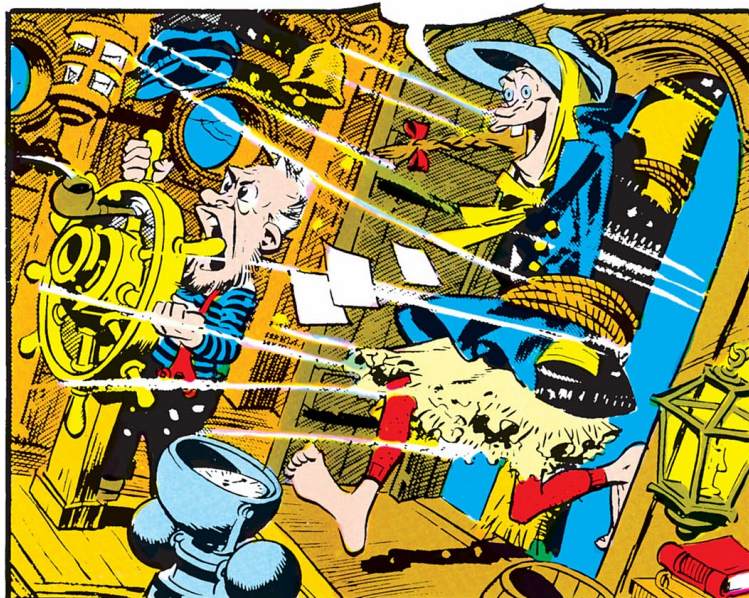


He wrapped her warm in his seaman's coat  
Against the stinging blast;  
He cut a rope from a broken spar,  
And bound her to the mast.



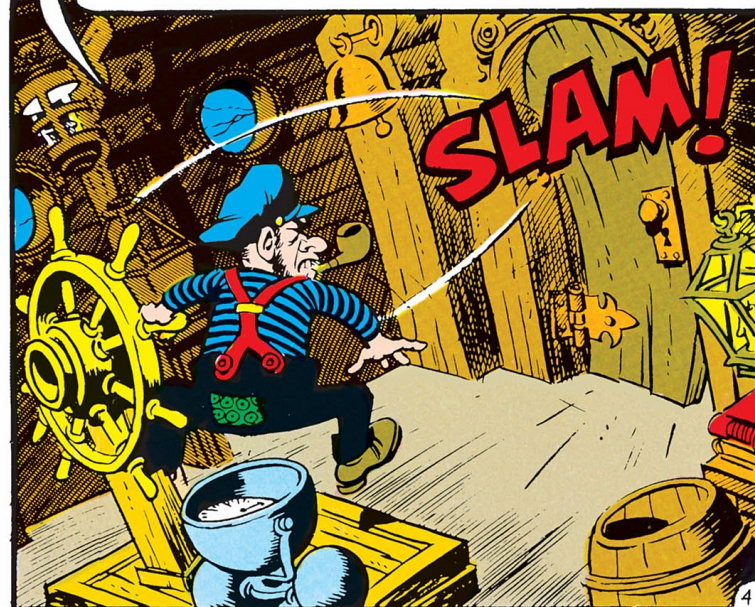
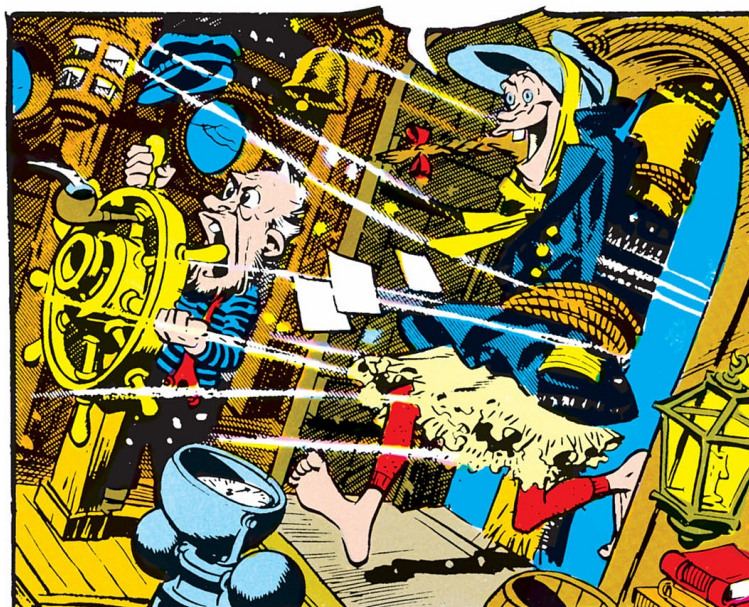
"O father! I hear the church-bells ring,  
O say, what may it be?"

"'Tis a fog-bell on a rock-bound coast!"—  
And he steered for the open sea.



"O father! I hear the sound of guns,  
O say, what may it be?"

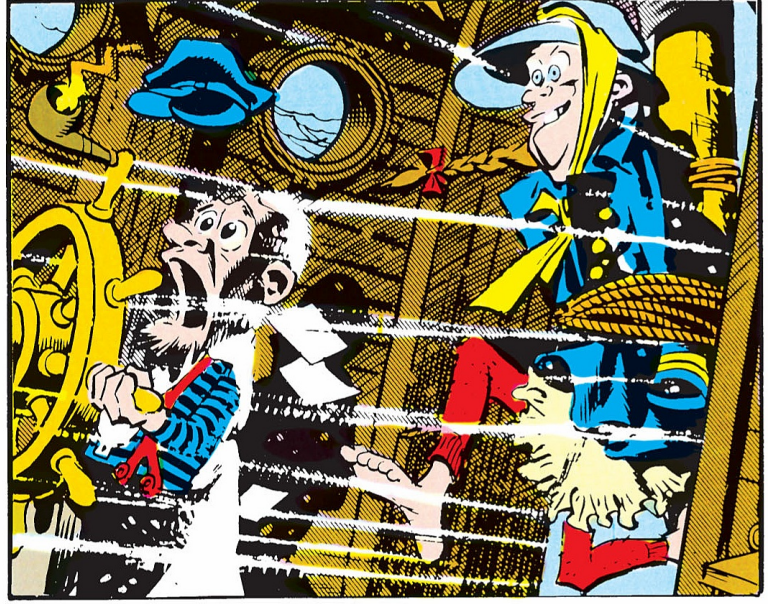
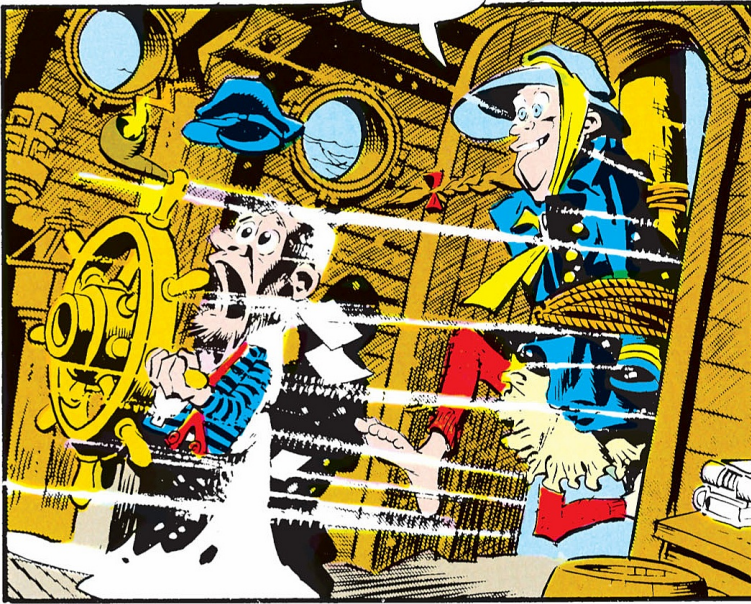
"Some ship in distress, that cannot live  
In such an angry sea!"





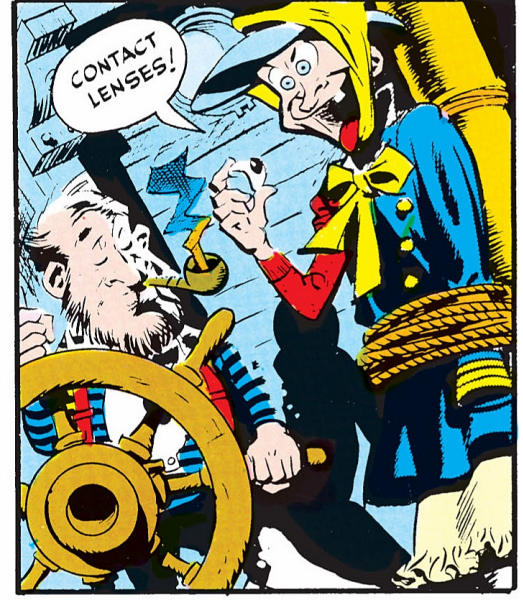
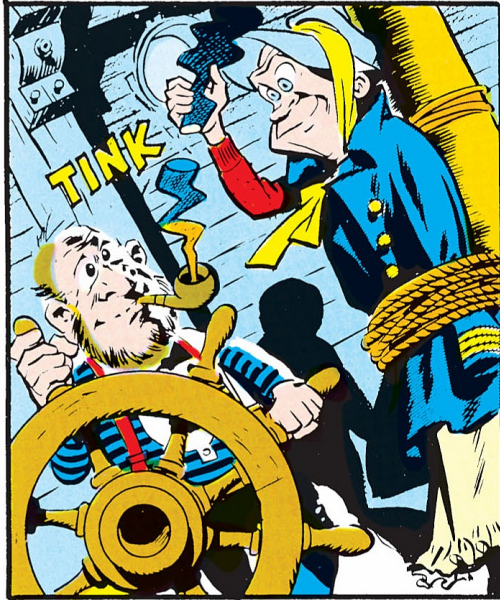
"O father! I see a gleaming light,  
O say, what may that be?"

But the father answered never a word,  
A frozen corpse was he.



Lashed to the helm, all stiff and stark,  
With his face turned to the skies;

The lantern gleamed through the gleaming snow  
On his fixed and glassy eyes...



...And fast through the midnight dark and drear,  
Through the whistling sleet and snow,

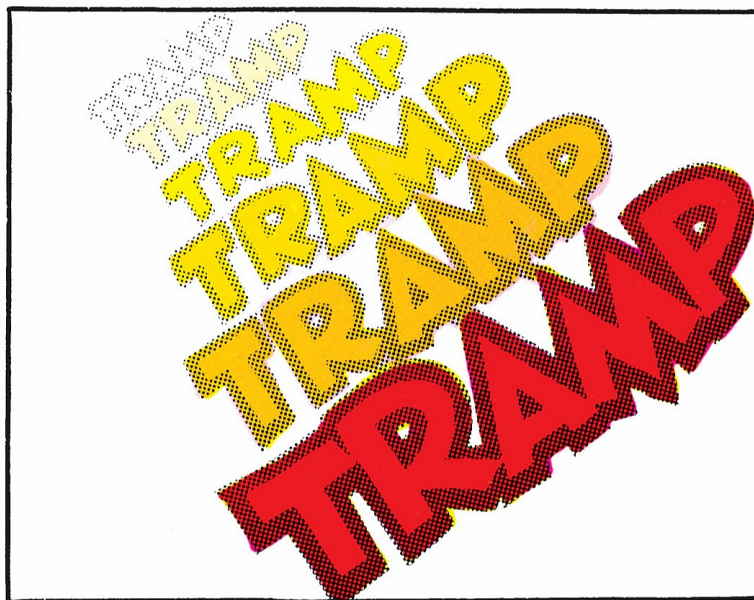
Like a sheeted ghost, the vessel swept  
Towards the reef of Norman's Woe.



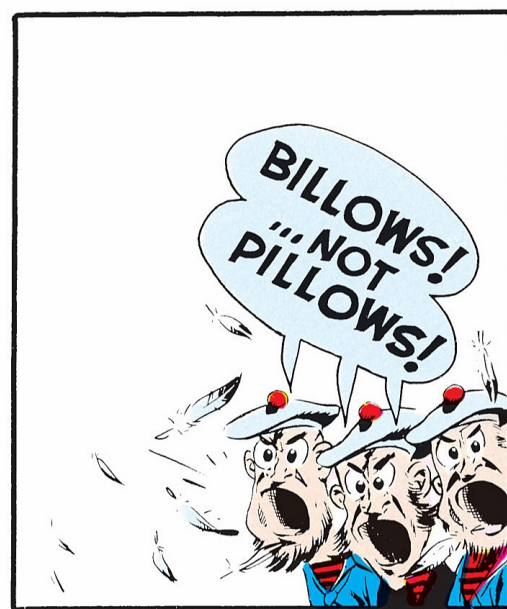
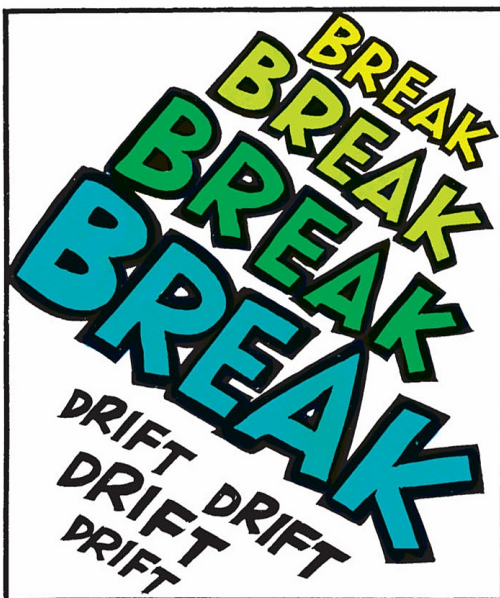


And ever, the fitful gusts between,  
A sound came from the land;

It was the sound of the trampling surf,  
On the rocks and the hard sea-sand.



The breakers were right beneath her bows, And a whooping billow swept the crew  
She drifted a weary wreck, Like icicles from her deck.



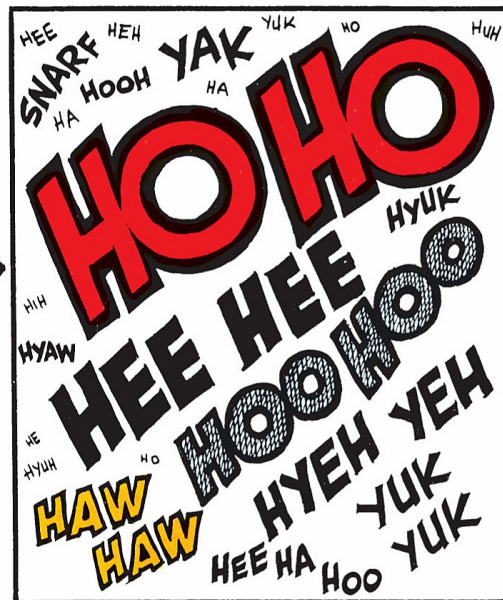
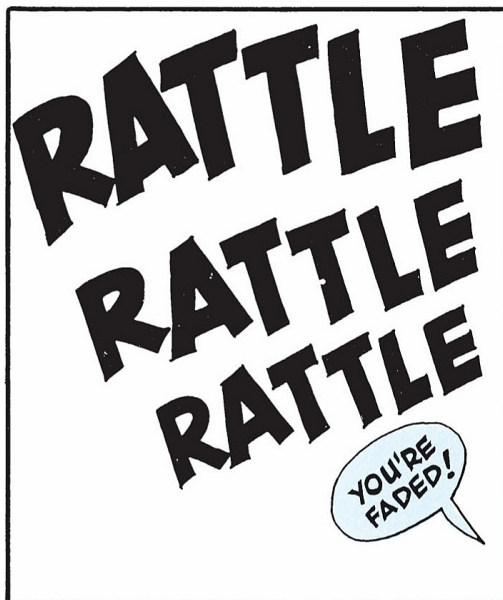
She struck where the white and fleecy waves But the cruel rocks, they gored her side,  
Looked soft as carded wool, Like the horns of an angry bull.





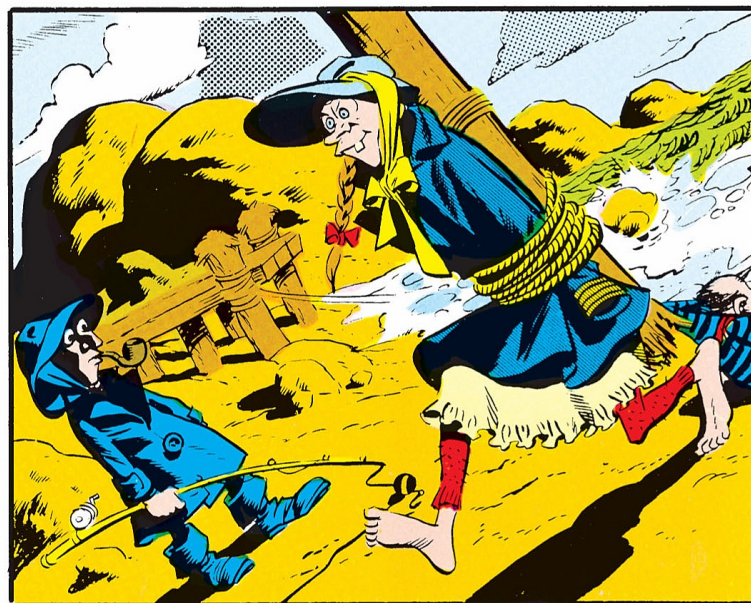
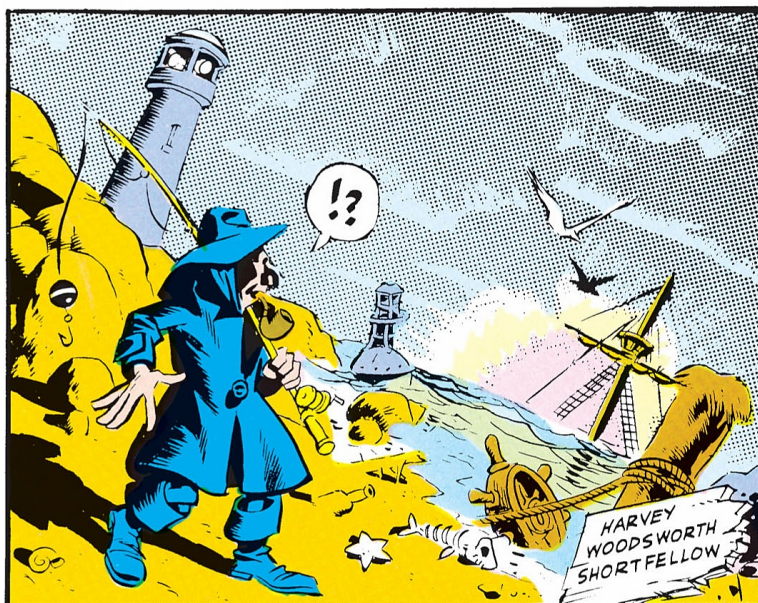
Her rattling shrouds, all sheathed in ice,  
With masts, went by the board;

Like a vessel of glass, she stove and sank,  
Ho! ho! the breakers roared.



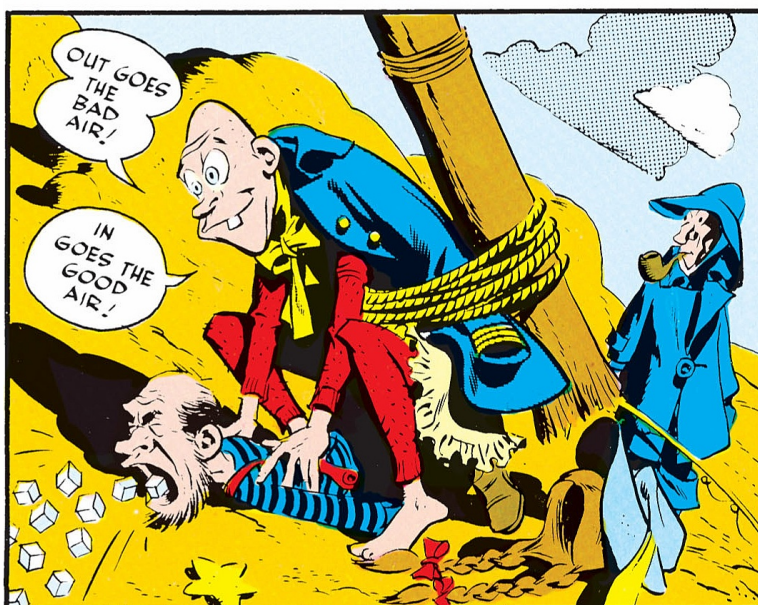
At daybreak, on the bleak sea-beach,  
A fisherman stood aghast,

To see the form of a maiden fair,  
Lashed close to a drifting mast.



The salt sea was frozen on her breast,  
The salt tears in her eyes;

And he saw her hair like the brown sea-weed,  
On the billows fall and rise.



Such was the wreck of the Hesperus,  
In the midnight and the snow.  
Christ save us all from a death like this  
On the reef of Norman's Woe!